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"ABOVE TOP SECRET"

A study of the way in which Timothy Good's important book, ABOVE TOP SECRET: THE WORLD-WIDE UFO COVER-UP, published in London in July 1987, has been received by the British press, is decidedly "instructive".

So far as we know, some seventeen British newspapers and journals have mentioned it in their book-review sections. But the seventeen consist mainly of the minor and provincial newspapers of Britain.

What is startlingly evident is that most of our national newspapers have probably received express instructions not to mention it. Even *The Times* (which, in an advance note about the book, on January 22, 1987, had spoken scathingly and insultingly about Admiral of The Fleet Lord Hill-Norton who, both as a human being, and as a noble and distinguished servant of this nation, is certainly worth a lot more than the whole of the piddling staff of *The Times* rolled into a ball) has not said a single word about it.

The four publications that did deal with it are so interesting that they deserve our attention:-

(1) In a pre-publication note in the *Observer* (May 31), reviewer Martin Bailey treated the book cautiously, but endeavoured to make it appear as though the entire question of the UFOs and the forty-year cover-up depended upon the authenticity (disputed in some quarters) of the famous *"MJ-12"* documents, whereas, in fact, the authenticity or non-authenticity of these is in no way crucial to the argument, inasmuch as we already possess such a vast accumulation of evidence that is totally extraneous to *"MJ-12"*. *"MJ-12"* is only a small part of the picture.

(2) In the *Sunday Express* (July 12, 1987), their principal reviewer,Graham Lord, gave a very fair account of the book, with his headline emphasising the report that *"Neil Armstrong had been warned off the Moon by the Aliens"*. Graham Lord concluded: *"I'm still sceptical, but millions aren't"*. (Maybe his job would have been in jeopardy had he voted otherwise, for we know very well that, over the course of these past forty years, no newspapers in Britain have been more consistently hostile to *"our subject"* than the Beaverbrook Newspapers Group.)
(Nevertheless, Graham Lord's review was seen by at least 2¼ million readers.)

(3) In the *Sunday Telegraph* (July 19, 1987), the reviewer David Sexton made an (entirely predictable) savage attack on both Tim Good and Admiral Hill-Norton. He also attacked the publishers, Messrs Sidgwick & Jackson, for *"issuing such a farrago as this, no doubt because they saw, or thought they saw, distinctly identifiable conglomerations of money coming towards them over the horizon at well-nigh incredible speed."*
Well, of course, how low can you get? And we all know the track-record of the *Telegraph* newspapers too.

(4) By far the most interesting and most important reaction to the book was the whole-page devoted to it in the weekly review, *The Spectator* (August 1,1987) by Adrian Berry, the Science Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*.
Mr Berry refrains — no doubt wisely — from addressing himself to, or tackling, a single one of all the points made in the book; a single one of the cases or pieces of evidence adduced; or a single one of the 106 pages of photostated documents which constitute about one-fifth of the book. All that Mr Berry can find to say is that: *"It is an evil book"*. And: "*Mr Good's ideas are those of a maniac*." He concludes: *"The dust jacket tells us that he is also a professional violinist. Better for the world if he and his kind were always so harmlessly employed."*

On the whole, I think we can congratulate ourselves on Adrian Berry's "review". We have grounds for great satisfaction.

In the Middle Ages, the monks and scholars had a very useful term, *"Argumentum ad hominem"* (in English, *"The Argument against the Man"*). Its meaning of course was that, if you cannot win your dispute in a scholarly and gentlemanly fashion, by the power and logic of your case, *then you descend to personal and venomous insult against your debating adversary.* (Much the same sort of idea as prevails today among the alleged sportsmen, the yobbos of our football fields, who, if they cannot secure the ball by skilful play, do not hesitate to "tap" the other fellow's ankle or break his leg.)

We do not know, of course, whether Mr Adrian Berry was brought up to be a devotee of the *"Gentleman and Scholar"* code, nor where he went to school. But one thing is at least certain, namely, that in the present case he has descended to the *"Argumentum ad Hominem"*, seeing in it his best recourse.

I suggest that this is immensely significant, because it indicates that *somebody, somewhere,* is badly rattled by Tim Good's book.

Very conveniently — or fortunately — as some may think — its publication came very late in the year. *In fact it appeared right at the start of Fleet Street's traditional "Silly Season", when jokes about Loch Ness Monsters and flying saucers get their annual spawning. (The publishers might find it worthwhile to check up on this, and ascertain how the book "just happened" to be ready at the precise moment for the "Silly Season". I have heard of cases of good money being paid for this sort of "delaying tactics".)*

When all is said and done, however, the book will have generated much unease, and this unease will not go away. For one thing, we have seen from the booklists in several papers that it has been quite high, several times, in the weekly polls of the best-selling Non-fiction.

All in all, then, we congratulate Timothy Good. And we congratulate his courageous sponsor, Lord Hill-Norton.

We trust that both of them will continue to enjoy the very best of health, and that they will both be extremely careful ...

Before we conclude this over-long Editorial, there remains one other "interesting" little point which we think needs ventilating.

We have all seen the frenzied ravings of the British newspapers, in their desire to have full access to the contents of Mr Peter Wright's book, SPYCATCHER. Just like ABOVE TOP SECRET, SPYCATCHER deals with matters that Controlling Powers would prefer to see hushed up.

How interesting it is, therefore, to see the different fashions in which our British press have dealt with these two books!

As one of our readers observes: *"That UFO books are subject to harassment does not matter. 'Subversion' alone is important!"*

Various individuals — including even the manager of one important bookshop — have sent me snippets of information which may point to some "disturbance factor" (shall we call it that?) which is impeding the distribution of ABOVE TOP SECRET. But naturally it is still far too early for an accurate assessment of such a possibility. If more evidence comes in, we shall publish it.

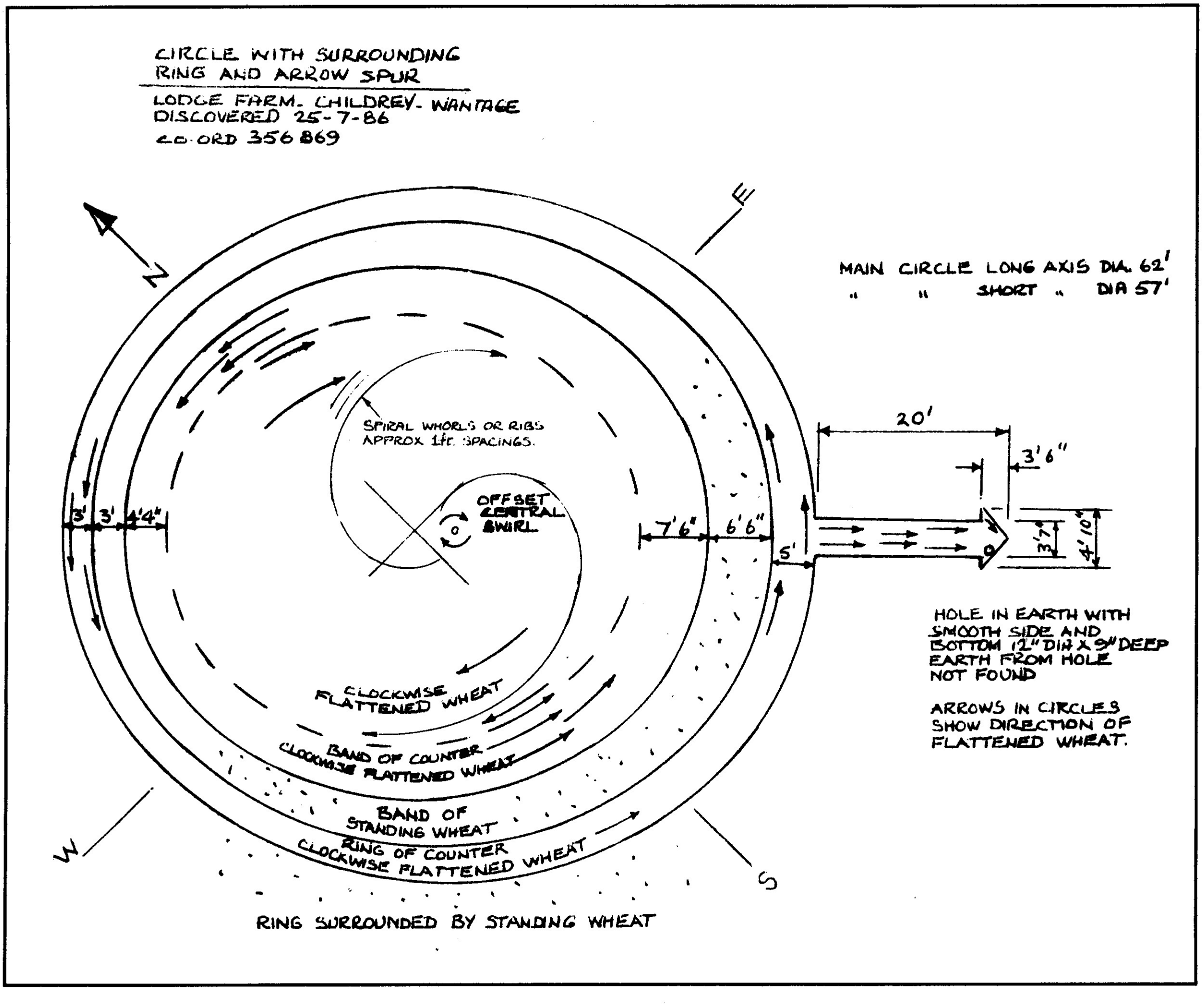
THE MYSTERY CIRCLES IN THE CORN: PRELIMINARY REPORT (JANUARY — SEPTEMBER, 1986)

Pat Delgado, FSR Consultant

WHILE not to be compared with the current (1987) remarkable year, 1986 was nevertheless a very busy one for swirled rings and circles in the fields and I spent a considerable amount of time in visiting the sites, in measuring the rings, photographing from the air, interviewing the media, and meeting farmers and other eyewitnesses.

Many seriously interested people were now asking questions as well as contributing towards our investigations.

Some of the farmers with whom we have spoken can recall having seen circles in their fields for many years past and all of these people — without exception — attribute the rings on their land to some natural cause, and so they just accept the circles without wondering how or why! The number of years over



which farmers recalled having seen the circles was of the order of 32 years, 28 years, 25 years.[2]

One of the most spectacular circle/ring combinations I visited was on Lodge Farm at Childrey, near Wantage (51° 35 N., 1° 25 W.) in Oxfordshire. I attach a drawing of this circle at Childrey.

Mr Matthews, who owns the Childrey farm, and all the members of his family, were extremely helpful to us in describing how they had discovered the circle and what they saw. They also gave me the names of other farmers who have had circles in their fields over the years and even possess photographs of them. It seems that the *Wantage area* is quite a hot spot for circles, and this makes you wonder how many other locations there are like this.

Mrs Matthews said they were walking along one of the "tramlines" (marks left through the fields by the tractors) when they happened to walk right into this circle and ring. They then discovered the pathway to one side, and at the end of the flattened path she found a hole in the ground, of diameter 12″—14″, and about 9″ deep. It was quite a smooth hole, "rather like looking down into a saucepan", she said. What was curious was that they could not find any earth that had been removed in order to make the hole!

They told me that they had informed the Police, who came and investigated shortly after their discovery of the phenomenon. I have also spoken to the Police investigating officer in question, who was very helpful indeed. I asked him whether he thought that there was anything significant about the circle and ring, and he replied: "While walking round the ring we came upon a path that was flattened and leading directly away from the centre. This path ended in a point, and we could see in fact that the path was an arrow. There was a distinct triangle at the end of the path, forming an arrowhead. If you had been able to look down on the ring and arrow, it would have looked exactly like the symbol for *man*!"[2]

This remark, coming from the policeman, surprised me. For I was instantly reminded of the time when I worked for N.A.S.A., at Woomera in Australia, when, at the conclusion of the successful *Mariner Four* Mission to Mars in 1964, we were presented with gold cufflinks and a tie-clip bearing this very symbol!

When I asked the police-sergeant whether he had noticed anything else that was peculiar, he said: "*There were these raised whorls of wheat spiralling out from the centre, rather like curved ribs.*" This feature is interesting, for it is common to most circles, but is not, in fact, recognized by many observers. I must say that this police-sergeant was very observant...

Professor Archie Roy, of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, Glasgow University, read my article in FSR 31/5, and he considered that there was sufficient substance in the subject to ask to see me. He came here on September 7, 1986, and we had a most interesting two-hour conversation, after which he considered that the evidence put before him in the form of reports, photographs, and drawings was more than enough to justify him in bringing the subject to the serious attention of his colleagues in the august Royal Society. As he remarked: "*You can't get much higher than that!*". He said that he did not wish to "take over" our investigations, but that they would be able to back us with whatever scientific coverage was required.[3]

Last week, I gave a half-hour talk for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It was recorded by them for their new programme, to be broadcast nationwide, called "*Quirks And Quarks*". This is a scientific programme, lasting one hour, and broadcast every Saturday. In the course of the talk I managed to get in a request for the co-operation of anyone who might be interested enough to collect reports of such rings and circles from anywhere in Canada and send them to me, and I said I would reciprocate with reports from this side. With my already existing Australian contacts, we would thus hopefully build up a world-wide reporting network.

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

(1) We now understand from Mr Colin Andrews that, in his exhaustive interrogation of scores of farmers, the oldest report of rings found so far go back much further, namely to the years 1936-1940, and relate to a site or sites at Whiteparish, in Wiltshire. The next year noted by him relates to the alleged UFO landing on Farmer Blanchard's fields at Charlton, also in Wiltshire, in 1962 or 1963. I myself visited the site, and so did Professor Winder. (In fact we first met there.) The large marks there were certainly more or less circular, but it was not in a field of grain but partly on a strip sown with potatoes and partly something else, and not very clear. Nevertheless, I agree that the case might well be included in our list of "cornfield rings."
The next case found by Mr Andrews was at Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire, in 1966, and is dealt with in some detail in his article, *Circles In The Corn: Strong Evidence Of A "UFO Connection"*, which will follow this.

(2) The police-sergeant's remark is not quite accurate. The symbol ♂, which, as Mr Delgado correctly says, was used on NASA's famous plaque fired out to Mars in 1964, and bore representations of a man and a woman, *does not indicate mankind*. It is a long-established and internationally recognized symbol, used especially in zoos and in books on all forms of wildlife, to indicate *MALE* or *MASCULINE*. The corresponding sign for *FEMALE*, which

naturally also figured on NASA's plaque to indicate our *woman*, was of course ♀. Students of Astrology are especially well acquainted also with these two symbols, as they have been employed in Astrology for centuries past to indicate *MARS* and *VENUS* respectively.

In view of all this, I doubt very much indeed that the entities who left this mark in the corn were such *macho* chauvinistic pigs that they wished to indicate anything specifically *masculine*! (Maybe, if they know about our Astrology, they were trying to fool us into thinking that they hail from Mars!. At any rate, such would be a better theory!)

(3) *One of the most dramatic and significant features, in the whole of our investigations of the cornfield rings, has been the fashion in which Professor Archibald Roy subsequently denied he had ever made such statements, and there are witnesses for this. Has the Glasgow astronomer been silenced? We may have more to say about this later. — G.C.*

1986 MYSTERY CIRCLES: FINAL SUMMARY

Pat Delgado, FSR Consultant

Dear Editor,

Here is the 1986 "Circle" Summary.*

I found that I was re-living it all again as I wrote about all the circles. Having been so deeply involved in it, I was able to compile the entire report without reference to any of my notes. Naturally I could have written many reams more about all the complexities of the various configurations that we have found. Maybe I'll save it all for a book.

I have just received a letter from Hugh Cochran, author of the book "GATEWAY TO OBLIVION", which contains the information about "swirled circles" in Canada. He wrote to say that he has actually seen swirled circles in tobacco plants and in marsh-grass in that country, and has given me the locations.

He also says that he thinks along the same lines as I do, namely that UFOs could be manipulating *Earth-Forces* to create these circles with such clean precision. This same precision may be responsible for the animal mutilations. This idea is not so preposterous when you remember the clean-cut circular hole in the Wantage circle and ring!

You will probably be hearing from Hugh Cochran. He asked me for information about FSR and about my articles in it, and I have sent him all details. (I hope he'll become my seventh recruit!)

Yours,

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January 1, 1987.

*As soon as we can, after the close of this year, we shall also publish Mr Delgado's even more extraordinary Report for 1987! — EDITOR

The Summary for the year 1986

What a most interesting year 1986 was for those who are interested in the mystery swirled circles in the corn fields.

Since the mid-70s there has been a steady progression of numbers of circle sightings, group configurations and the intricacies of circle construction. 1986 has outshone all other years in all three of those departments. It is tougher now for those of us who are endeavouring to discover a pattern, system and cause of what is going on and what they are all about.

As with most mysteries, the more facts that come to light, the more questions arise, spreading like a network of avenues.

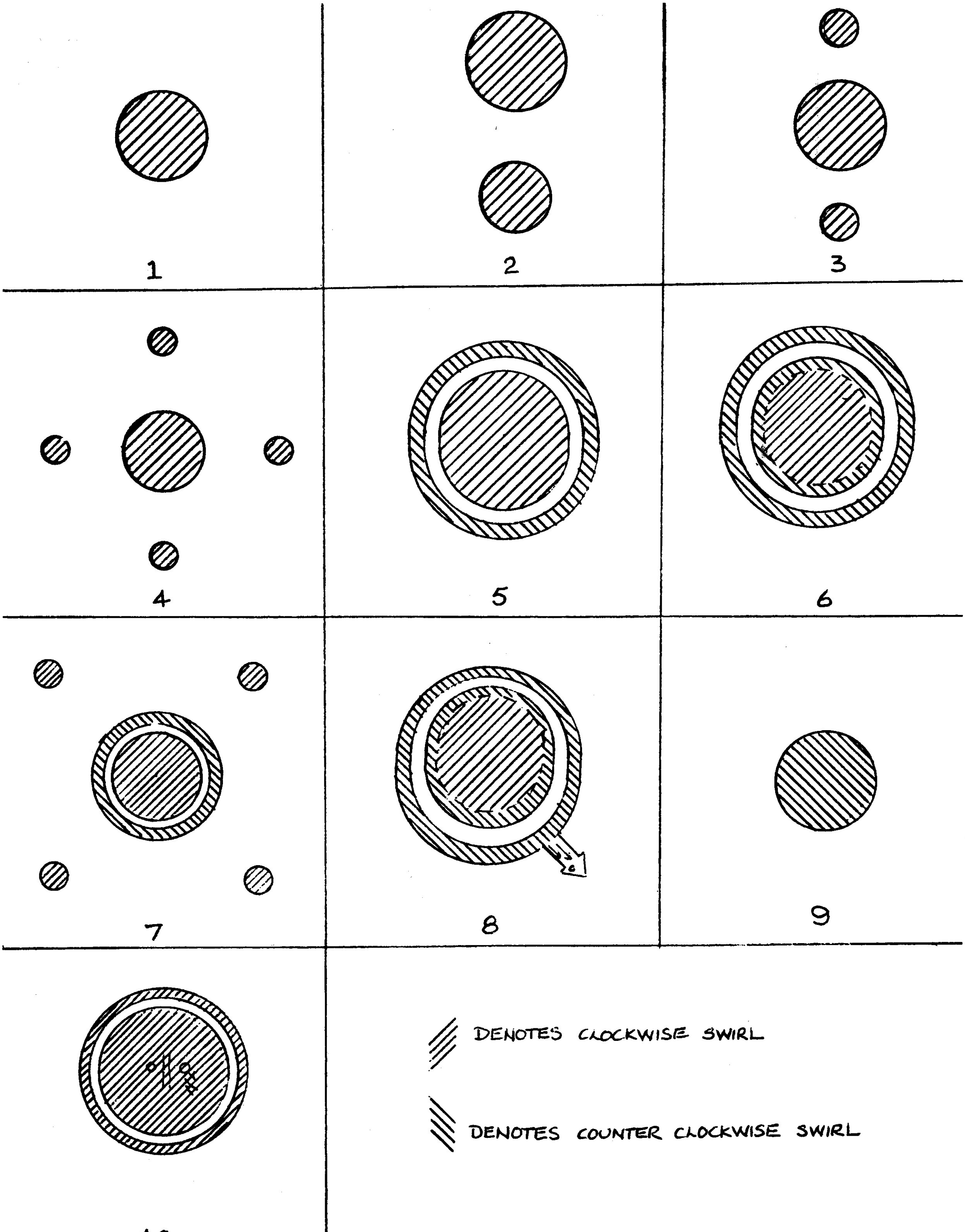
For readers who wish to avail themselves of the details of all the 1986 circles investigated, the following list will probably give much food for thought. (And our *Summary for 1987*, when we come to it, will give even more!).

SITE NO.	DATE OF APPEARANCE OR DISCOVERY	MAP NO. O.S. CO-ORDS	LOCATION
1	5th July, 1986	185 529 282	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
2	6th July, 1986	185 529 281	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
3	10th July, 1986	199 027 686	Rathfinney Farm, Alfriston, Sussex.
4	13th July, 1986	184 898 517	Near White Horse, Bratten, Wiltshire.

5	25th July, 1986	174 356 869	Childrey, Wantage, Oxfordshire.
6	1st August, 1986	185 475 325	Upper Farm, Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire.
7	14th August, 1986	185 528 2815	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
8	24th August, 1986	185 532 275	New Warren Farm, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
9	25th August, 1986	197 698 252	Venthams Farm, Froxfield, Hampshire.

Site No. Descriptions

1. Two of us, Don Tuersly and myself, commenced a pre-dawn vigil after checking the site until darkness fell the previous evening. A fine rain was falling and we neither saw nor heard anything unusual until, in the first dim light of dawn, about 3.40 a.m., with the aid of good light-gathering binoculars, we made out something had been created in the field. Investigating right away I found a flattened, swirled circle with a flattened, swirled ring around the outside of it. Circle dia. 20.72 m., width of ring of standing wheat, 1.52 m., width of ring, 1.52 m. average. Wheat in the circle was flattened in a clockwise direction except for a peripheral band, 1.22 m. wide, which was flattened in a counter-clockwise direction. The outer ring was flattened in a counter-clockwise direction. The central swirl had a neat tangential pattern but was displaced from the true centre towards the north by approximately 0.8 m (See Fig. 6.)
2. This circle with a ring around it was created at this popular beauty spot between 7 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on a bright, sunny evening; there were no witnesses. Actually, when measured, it turned out to be flattened, swirled oval shape, 14 m. short axis, 16 m long axis, with an oval shaped ring around it. Width of standing wheat averaged at 0.5 m. and width of "ring" 0.6 m. Both "circle" and "ring" were flattened in a clockwise direction. The "circle" had two distinct central swirls about 2 m. apart in an E.W. direction, equally spaced either side of true centre. There was a straight flattened "path" about 3 m. long, 0.3 m. wide and flattened towards the north running between the two central swirls. Close to the eastern central swirl was a short plaited path with braids facing alternately north and south. (See Fig. 10.)
3. Two circles, not well defined, 10.6 m. dia. and 4.8 m. dia. Both had clockwise swirls with some of the crop not flattened to the ground but leaning over. This may have been due to the circles being created in a young, green crop as some of it had partly recovered from being flattened when it was discovered. (See Fig. 2.)
4. This was a 20.4m. dia. circle with an outer ring. The circle was flattened and swirled clockwise. Width of standing wheat surrounding the circle, 1.2 m. and average width of ring, 1.2 m. The circle was swirled clockwise and the ring was swirled counter-clockwise. The wheat in both the circle and the ring was not all completely flattened; much of it had a lumpy appearance similar to circle 3. It appeared to have suffered some disturbance or trampling. (See Fig. 5.)
5. This was a most sensational oval and oval ring. The two axes of the oval were 18 m. and 20 m., the greater axis being in a S.E. — N.W. line. The flattened wheat was swirled similar to circle 1, with contra-rotated swirled wheat in the main oval. The peripheral band of the main oval varied from 0.8 m. at the N.W. side to 2 m. at the S.E. side, just as though a slip or sliding motion had occurred during the creation of the oval and its ring. The ring width varied from 1.5 m. at the N.W. side to 2.4 m. at the S.E. side. In addition, the ring had a flattened "path" jutting outwards in an easterly direction. This "path" was approximately 0.8 m. wide and 3.5 m. long. The end of this "path" terminated in an arrow-head. The police investigating officer, who examined this oval the day after it was first discovered by the farmer, described this ring and "path" as follows. "If you were in an aeroplane looking down on this circle and ring, the ring would look like the symbol for man — a ring with an arrow head at the bottom right hand side". The farmer and his wife also described how they had photographed a hole in the ground inside the head of the arrow. "The hole, about 300 mm. dia. and 250 mm. deep, was clean and smooth, just like looking into a baking tin! We could not see any of the earth that had been removed from the hole. We did not touch the hole for fear of contamination". The police sergeant also confirmed the existence of the hole to me.
   I was able to photograph the disturbed remains of the hole the day after the field was harvested.
   The wheat in the arrow path was flattened away from the ring. (See Fig. 8.)
6. This circle, unaccompanied by a ring was discovered the morning after it was created. It was first seen by Busty Taylor, who noticed it while driving away from Winchester.
   The circle was in a barley field. When I asked the farmer if I could measure it, he asked me which field it was in. When I told him, his remark was, *"Oh, it's in that field this year, is it?"* I asked him what he meant by that remark, and he replied, *"My father used to point these circles out to me when I was a lad. They have appeared in one of my fields almost every year for the last 28 years that I can remember".* The diameter of the circle was 17.4 m. and almost a true circle. The swirl was all flattened in a counter-clockwise direction with a tightly wound central



ALL KNOWN CIRCLE CONFIGURATIONS

swirl looking rather like a 100 mm. dia. vase made of wound barley stems. (See Fig. 9.)

7. A circle with an outer ring created close to the side of the Punch Bowl wheat-field containing circles 1 and 2. You could look down into it from the A272 road. The circle was 18.3 m. dia. A standing wheat ring around the circle was 1.5 m. wide. The ring averaged 1.5 m. in width, being slightly narrower at the southern side. The circle swirl was flattened in a clock-wise direction and the ring was swirled flat in a counter-clockwise direction. There was no central swirl, instead the wheat stems were facing radially away from a central point covering a circular patch of about 2 m. dia. The wheat then commenced to swirl in a clockwise direction. (See Fig. 5.)
8. This was a group of five circles similar to the 1985 sets. A large circle with four smaller satellite circles positioned approximately N.S.E.W. The difference this year was the startling fact that the main circle also had a ring around it. This group, accidently discovered by Busty Taylor while flying over Cheesefoot Head, could not be seen from anywhere while one was standing on the ground. The main circle was 12.8 m. dia. swirled in a clockwise direction. Around this circle was a ring of standing wheat, average width, 1 m. The ring around the circle had an average width of 1.3 m. swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. The four satellite circles had a diameter of 2.8 m. and all were swirled in a clockwise direction. The centre of each small circle was 17.6 m. from the centre of the main circle. (See Fig. 7.)
9. This circle with a ring has a question mark against its being genuine. It was reported to me two weeks after it was created. It seems the person who originally had this circle reported to him by farm personnel, decided it would be a good idea to claim to be its creator for publicity reasons. The main circle was 9.7 m. dia. swirled clockwise. The ring of standing wheat was 0.8 m. wide and the surround ring was 1.2 m. wide swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. This circle could only be seen from the air and it was 1/3 mile from the nearest road. The people who claimed to have created this circle and ring gave me a demonstration of how they allegedly did it. They created a 9 m. dia. circle with a ring around it, for the benefit of the media, in another field. The result after 1 hr. 15 mins. was a poor roughly trodden circle without the special characteristics with which we have become familiar. *We were very fortunate to witness this demonstration, for it highlighted the outstanding differences between man-made circles and those made "otherwise".*

It may interest readers to know of a quite spectacular incident that occurred in the Punch Bowl at Cheesefoot Head at the beginning of September, 1986. Flying to this site after photographing the Froxfield circle, Busty Taylor and I were very surprised to see words had been formed in the same field that contained the three circles. The words were joined up and appeared thus: WEARENOTALONE. I took some photographs of the words and a view which included all three circles with the words.

I visited the Punch Bowl on foot after landing. Measuring the letters I found they were all 12.2 m. from top to bottom and from end to end they measured 61 m. The width of the letters varied from 1.3 m. to 0.6 m. The shape of the letter N in ALONE was formed backwards.

I calculated the time it would have taken four people to tread out this message. The calculation was based on the time the demonstration circle took in circle 9, and gave me man-hours per square metre. The four persons would have taken two and a half hours. It was created at night and because of this it would not be easy to form the straight parts of the letters in such a perfect manner as the photographs show. Neither would it be easy to form any of the letters in such a well-defined manner. The farmer, quite rightly, had obliterated the words by midday the same day. If they had been left, I feel it would have been an invitation for irresponsible people to create graffiti and destroy a further amount of the crop. *I am undecided about this creation. At first sight it was an obvious hoax, but prolonged study makes me wonder.*

Here are known circle configurations, to date, for 1986:-

The configurations of these circles seem to be strongly symbolistic. The increasing complexities may be in the form of a challenge to us to de-code. They could symbolise all manner of subjects from evolution in cell structures to planets or asteroids revolving around the Earth. The contra-rotated swirls are a mystery in themselves.

Maybe these circles are created by alien beings using a force-field unknown to us. They may be manipulating existing Earth energy, the mysterious energies we know exist.

In September last year I was invited to give a talk about these circles by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. It has twice been transmitted nationwide across Canada in their "*Quirks and Quarks*" programme. The Corporation received numerous requests for photographs by interested listeners, who, hopefully, will keep a look-out for any circle formations appearing in Canada.

Among the letters I have received as a result of this broadcast was one in which the writer makes the following remarks.

"What struck me was what would seem to be a deliberate provocation on the part of 'the cause of the circles', to entice people to work on the clues given, i.e. at the same time each year." He goes on, "Being in the

marine industry, we observe strange intelligence- directed echoes on the radar, which should be, but are not, visible to the eye".

He is an amateur radio operator; his call sign is VE3CF.

Most of us have probably read about the above phantom echoes, but it has greater impact when verification of this is received from an operator who has observed them at first hand.

Our investigating group is looking forward to 1987, and what may be forthcoming in the way of new circle configurations, new complexities, and, most importantly, whether we will be offered any clues as to how they are created and for what purpose.

If intelligent beings or an intelligence of some form is responsible for these circles, then the progressive complexity we have experienced in the past should provide some even more exciting investigations in 1987.*

*And, as will be seen, it *did*! — EDITOR

CIRCLES IN THE CORN: STRONG EVIDENCE OF A "UFO CONNECTION"

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We welcome to the pages of FSR yet one more honoured Consultant. Mr Colin Andrews, an electrical engineer by profession, lives in Andover, Hampshire, and is the Communications and Emergency Planning Officer for the Test Valley Borough Council in that County. He is an extraordinarily keen and active investigator who, since July, 1985, has devoted a vast amount of time and energy to the study of the famous rings and circles in the corn and, with the special skills and technical knowledge which he has, he is extremely well fitted to probe these mysteries with great acumen and efficiency. Like his equally active colleague Pat Delgado of nearby Alresford, in the same county of Hampshire, he, moreover, enjoys the inestimable advantage of living *right on the spot,* in the delightful "circle country" of Southern England — for which many of us might well envy them both! EDITOR

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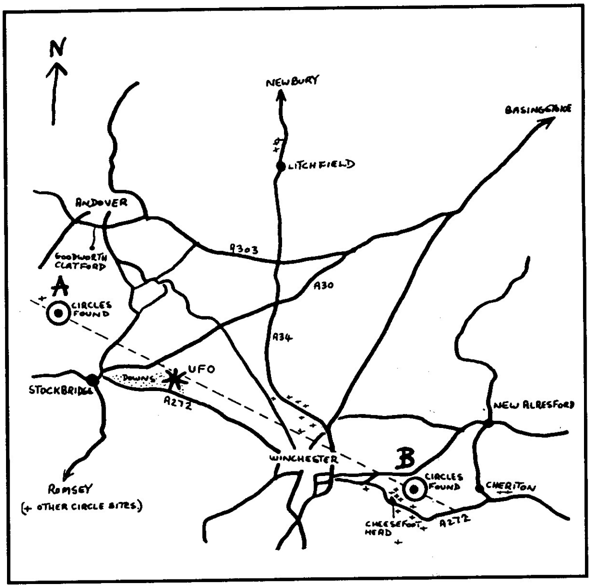
On July 14, 1986, at a BUFORA meeting inLondon, I was astounded to hear the statement made that *"No reported UFO sightings have ever been associated with these circles at Goodworth Clatford".*

My own interest in these matters had started a year before, on the night of Saturday, July 6, 1985, after returning with my family from watching the local Carnival Procession. I am a Local Government Communications Officer and, having just entered the house, I switched on one of my radio monitors, and found myself listening to the Hampshire Police Control at Winchester. At approximately 11.30 p.m. I heard them instruct two Police cars to go to the *A272* (British highway) at Stockbridge Down, just east of Stockbridge, where a couple travelling in their car towards Winchester claimed to have seen a UFO hovering above the hedgerow and close beside the road. So I told my wife, who was also listening to the message, that I proposed straight away to take a ride too, out there to Stockbridge Down, which was about five miles distant from my home. (See map.)



The UFO sighting on night of July 6, 1985, at Stockbridge Down, and the circles found just afterwards at (A) Goodworth Clatford, and (B) at Matterley Farm, near Alresford.

As I drove out there, I now had my radio monitor on in the car, and heard Control insisting to the Police Officers that they must treat the report seriously. Control said: *"We have the couple here in Winchester with us now. They are very shaken up by what they saw".*

When I got to Stockbridge Down, I watched the Police Officers with torches, searching the Downs, but

they neither found nor saw anything.

A few hours later, just over the hill towards the north-west, a five-ring set of circles was found, *near Goodworth Clatford!* And indeed, during that very same night, another set of five rings is known to have appeared about the same distance away towards the south-east. This was at Matterley Farm, on the east side of the *A31* road, near Alresford.

Can it be mere coincidence that this UFO sighting and report which were taken so seriously by the Police should have occurred on the very same night, and at that time, and at a spot lying on a line between these two reported "five-ringer" sites: (See map.)

Having heard the Police giving their directions, and having read the published accounts of the *"Goodworth Clatford Circles"* in the local press a few days later and, of course, being myself resident but a short distance from the site, I went to see the newspaper reporter who had written the story. He listened to what I had to say, and then, in my presence, he began to telephone around and make enquiries. First, he asked the Andover Police Station whether they had sent anyone out to Stockbridge Downs to look for a UFO. They replied that yes — they *had* sent Officers to the Downs after somebody had reported seeing something unusual there, but there had turned out to be nothing in the story. He then telephoned to the Press Officer of the Hampshire Police, in Winchester. This official also admitted that a Police vehicle from Andover and another one from Romsey had indeed been sent to the Downs, but that nothing had been found at the time. And this of course was true. But it is also true that sets of mysterious circles were found in a field close by, the very next morning, and that, several days later, more were found. The Press Officer also spoke with the Army Air Corps, at Middle Wallop, who replied: *"We had nothing flying that night."*

The Eyewitnesses Traced

Eventually, a persistent press-reporter managed to trace the couple who had had the UFO sighting on the night of July 6, 1985. I give below an extract from their story as it appeared in the newspaper *Southampton Reporter* for July 19, 1985:–

"Shaken pensioners Jack and Pat Collins spotted a brilliantly-lit object hovering over desolate downland as they drove home at night.

Jack, of Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, described it as *'a perfect circle'.*

And Pat added: *'It was a huge circular thing, and it was divided out like the spokes of a wheel. Around the outside of it there were very bright lights like huge light-bulbs, and other lights in the sections. It was so bright — like something out of a fair-ground."*

Jack, who was driving the car, put his foot down when he spotted it hovering about thirty feet above the open fields.

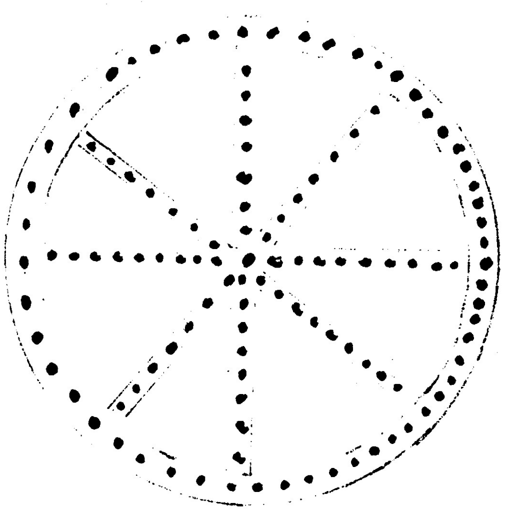


Fig. 1. Sketch by Mr Jack Collins of UFO seen at Stockbridge Downs, July 6, 1985.

The couple were so shocked at seeing the fiery circle that they called the Police . . ."

I interviewed Mr and Mrs Collins, and requested them to give me a sketch of their UFO, indicating as well as they could recall the positioning of the lights on it, and here it is (Fig. 1.):—

Other UFOs Seen Near Circle Sites

In any case, this is no isolated eyewitness account of a UFO observed near a spot where, and about the time when, rings or circles are found.

For an even more startling account was given to me in April of this year by a farm-hand whom I met while travelling around surveying and listing the circle-sites. This man, who asked me not to reveal his name, told me that he had been a passenger in a car driven by his wife on the night of Friday, July 4, 1986. They were travelling from Winchester towards Petersfield on the A272. At about 11.45 p.m. they were approaching Cheesefoot Head (one of the most famous "ring and circle sites" for some years past) when, as they turned right around a bend on the western side of the Head, he saw a chain of lights over the top and slightly behind the fir trees on the eastern side. He said they looked "like a string of molecules — about seven of them". Each one of them emitted a white light which was bright at the centre, but diffused before it reached the light from the next centre, and so on, along the chain.

The attached sketch (Fig. 2) was made for me by this man when I interviewed him. And he told me that, when they got home that night, he had said to his wife: "THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING IN THE BASIN TOMORROW!"

AND THEY DID . . . AT ABOUT 3.30 A.M. ON THAT DAY, PAT DELGADO FOUND THE FIRST

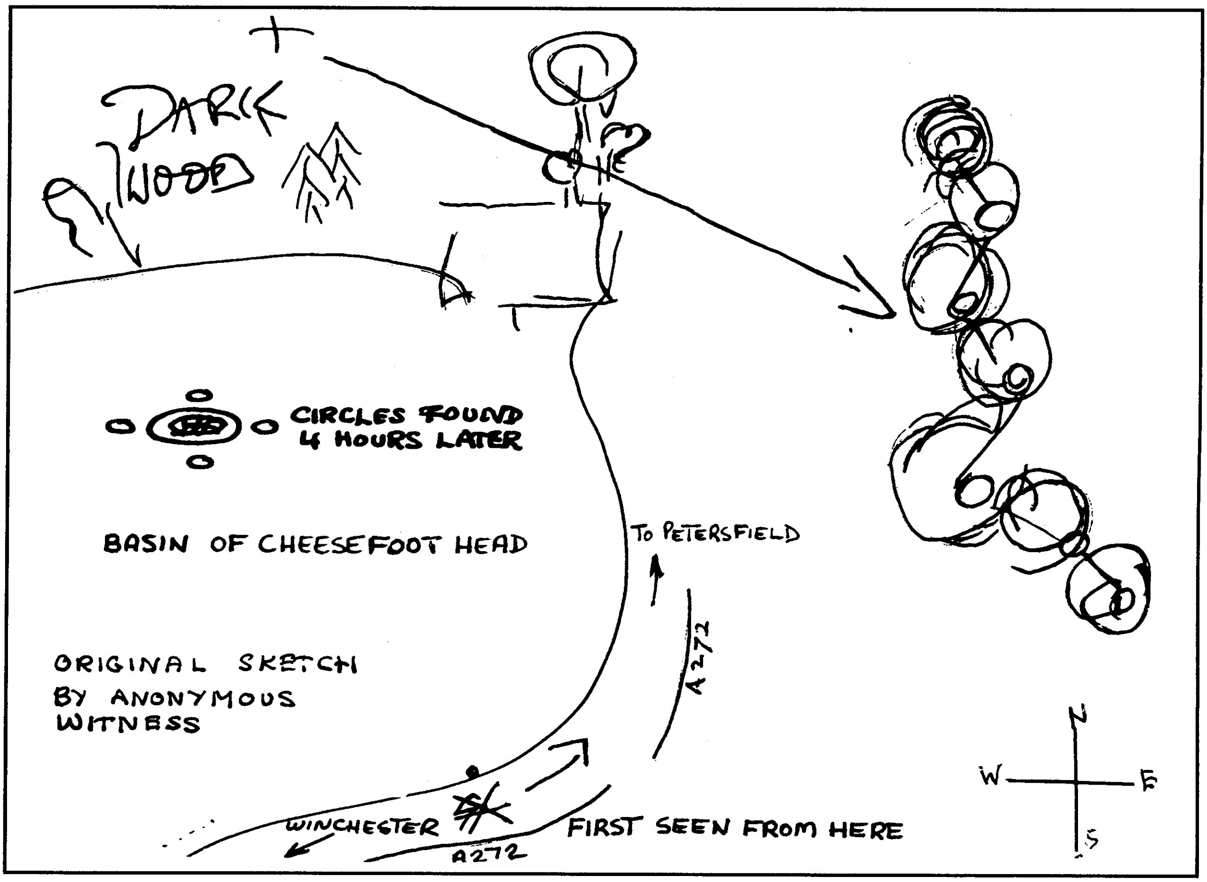


Fig. 2.

CIRCLE OF THE 1986 SEASON! *AT CHEESEFOOT HEAD!*

And I have records of other cases too where the UFOs have been seen over fields where rings and circles have been found soon afterwards. These include Findon, in West Sussex; Fonthill Bishop in Wiltshire; and Childrey in Oxfordshire.

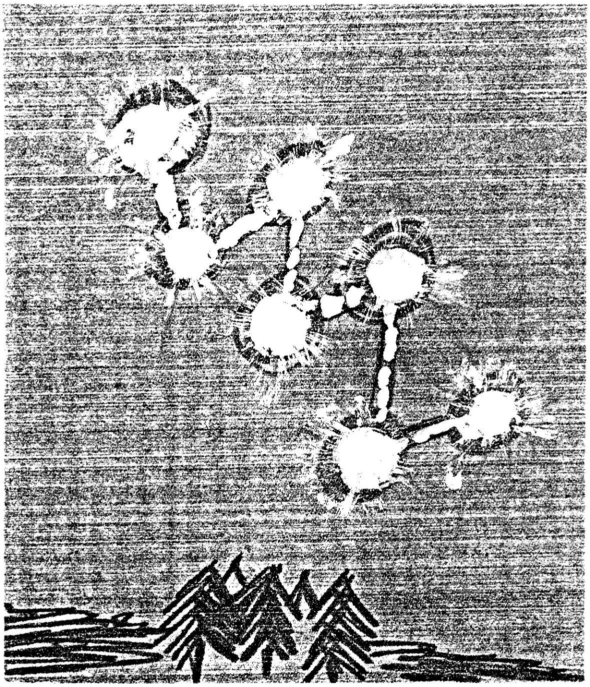
All of the evidence that I possess so far indicates that *AN AERIAL COMPONENT* is at work. And our research goes on.

Farmers Interviewed

Since that first night, July 6, 1985, I have spent literally hundreds of hours researching the rings and circles. My companions, almost daily, have been Mr Fred Taylor (known to all as *"Busty Taylor"*), who is a licensed civilian pilot, and the meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden. Together we have scoured the countryside in search of clues to this most extraordinary mystery, often in a helicopter piloted by Mr Taylor. And I have also spent much time with FSR Consultant Pat Delgado. My files now contain details of 108 separate "events" (rings and circles in fields, etc.) since I started my investigations in July 1985.

During April 1987 I spent many days interviewing farmers, who have been good enough to fill in questionnaires distributed to them. (Questionnaires issued by the T.O.R.R.O. — *Tornado And Storm Research Organization.)* And the sad, sad fact is that many of the most stubborn "believers" in the "Tornado and Storm Theory" are now beginning to see that, in fact, their theories won't work and won't hold up!

The questionnaires went out to more than 400 known cereal farmers in the County of Hampshire, some thirty in the County of Wiltshire, and one or two in Oxfordshire. All of the returns indicating circles on farms have been dealt with by me by a visit to the farm, and an interview with the farmer. Full results of this survey will be published in due course. Interestingly, some new formations have been reported, namely a set of four, and also a set of three arranged in a triangle. Several of the farmers told me that they themselves had been the first to discover the circles, and confirmed that when they did so there were no *tracks* of any kind in the fields concerned. (And that



Artist's impression of 'molecules'.

involved cases relating to the period *before the use of the tractors* which leave the now familiar "tram-lines" visible in the cornfields.)

The Recurrent Rings at Headbourne Worthy

In August, 1986 there appeared, in a wheat field at Headbourne Worthy, in Hampshire, the only (so far) reported *anti-clockwise circle*, and I had the fortune to be one of those who took part in the first-known scientific investigation of a circle, namely that one. The information and construction details secured by us were quite staggering.

Most ring or circle sites are now known to the general public, and Headbourne Worthy is one of these. It is also one of the areas of high activity, and therefore one of major interest to us.

Circles started appearing in the cornfields at Headbourne Worthy during the summer of 1976. This first event was just off the *A34* trunk road, near the Winchester Bypass. *And was it by mere coincidence that the famous "close encounter" of Mrs Joyce Bowles (see FSR 22/6), occurred at a spot also just off the WinchesterBypass and only a little further along the road from this first circle site at Headbourne Worthy!*

And from that time on, there have been many more rings in this same area, and some highly interesting UFO reports have been gathered by us from people dwelling near by.

UFO Seen by Author

I myself, while waiting in 1986 for the meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden to join me at the Headbourne Worthy site, saw a very small grey disc stationary overhead. Just as I caught it with my eye, the disc suddenly darted sideways very rapidly. In one jerking movement, it entered a small isolated cumulus cloud a short distance away. I waited to see it re-appear from the cloud, and took care not to blink. But the disc did not reappear!

Headbourne Worthy falls within a fairly well defined "corridor" from which many circle reports have come.

The whole phenomenon of these circles in the fields seems to be evolving at an accelerating rate, and the swirl details which I discovered at Headbourne Worthy and which are shown in the attached sketch (Fig. 3) are of particular significance. On my first and following visits there in August 1986, I made a thorough study of the circle along with the other members of our team. Then I returned there on October 8, 1986, after the farmer had finished harvesting the corn, to see what sort of features were now to be observed. Very heavy germination of the barley had taken place within the circle, as was quite normal in all these cases. But, as a result, the circle was now more easily visible from the outskirts of the city of Winchester than it had been when first discovered early in August.

On this later visit in October 1986 I noticed the remains of barleystems laid down positively in their primary contours in such a way as to resemble the "skeleton" of the circle. Now that all the surface barleystems had been removed by the combine-harvester, only the "bones", as it were, remained. Much other valuable information was to be secured now in comparison with my earlier visits. We have learned over the years to take full account of the lower layers of plants as well as those on the surface of the circles, since all these features help to form the picture of how the plants had fallen and what had happened at the site and how the circle had been made.

(At this point I might add that, while we continue to use the term *"circles"* in general, very few of them are actually perfectly round. Most of them are in fact *elliptical*— some more so than others. And this in itself indicates either a horizontal movement in the energy field or — more possibly — perhaps *an angled aerial approach.*)

The surface plants, when I inspected the site before the harvest, were laid out along the same veining contours that we had already come to associate with all the cornfield circles. When I viewed the site again *after* the harvest (in October 1986), with the full co-operation of the interested farmer, I discovered that there was a sine wave pattern running around the

HEADBOURNE WORTHY 1986

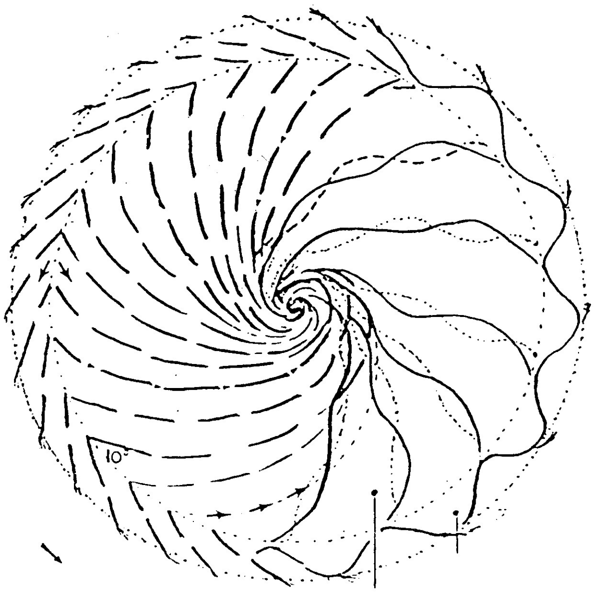


Fig. 3. Sine Pattern.

outer edge of the circle. The position of the plants at ground-level lay along sine-waves similar to what one finds in A.C. voltage. Also heavy pressure-veining was to be seen, running in an anti-clockwise direction into the centre. The veining flow was very unusual, and had not been seen before. Two sine waves appeared to be at work here, each spiralling around its own axis, as well as rotating around the centre in a perfectly balanced formation. (See Fig. 3.)

A fuller account of this particular investigation of the circle found in August 1986 at Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire, has been published by Dr Terence Meaden in Vol. 12, No. 116, of the *Journal of Meteorology*.

Scientists Interested and Surprised

While attending the Home Office College at Easingwold recently, I took the opportunity to discuss my findings with scientists on the College staff, and they were most surprised. Looking at the sketch that I had made, they noted the great similarity to recent findings associated with the effects produced by the detonation of a nuclear device.

Very great interest is now being displayed in the phenomenon of the rings and circles, and coming from individuals at all levels — scientists, farmers, engineers, press, members of the ordinary public, and indeed, *even the Ministry of Defence itself.*

A Few Hoaxes

One or two circle formations are known to have been hoaxes. But these have been very easily discernible, and have been on publicly known sites. But Headbourne Worthy is a prime example of a genuine and very complex force-field which leaves marks on the ground such as we are beginning to see in increasing numbers throughout my area of Southern England.

During recent years it has been my pleasure to eliminate a number of alleged or possible causes for this phenomenon. These include: hoaxers; animals; man-made aircraft; weather and meteorological conditions; and chemicals. We are then left with some highly interesting and indeed bizarre possibilities.

One thing remains certain. There are ever increasing indications that the source of this phenomenon is paranormal.

Any reader who is able to contribute information that will assist us in this most important research is requested to contact me.

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Don't forget to tell your friends about FSR! Recent developments prove that we have been right all along since our establishment in 1955. After the severe drop in readership which (in common with every other UFO publication throughout the world) we suffered between 1975 and 1980, our circulation is climbing again, and there is every ground for confidence that this trend will continue.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM "BUSTY" TAYLOR

In view of the foregoing article by Colin Andrews, I think FSR readers may be provided with more food for thought by the following letter from Mr. F.C. Taylor. EDITOR

The Editor July 15, 1987
FLYING SAUCER REVIEW
Dear Sir,

I have been working with Pat Delgado, Omar Fowler, and Colin Andrews with regard to the circles in the corn-fields. On reading the article on *cloning by aliens* in FSR 32/3, certain things which had happened *at Stockbridge,* about six miles south ofAndover, where I live, and were reported to me by my brother in 1985, began to fall into place.

My brother had been out for the day, and had decided to, first, take his children to visit their grandmother, and then go out himself, with a lady friend, for a drink. They arrived at the *"Waggon & Horses",* the local pub at Stockbridge, and passed a man who was just leaving. On entering the pub, they found that everybody there was laughing, and when he asked them why, and what was going on, they said it was over a man who had been in the pub and had just left. Apparently this man didn't know why he was there, or what money was for, or how the slot machines worked in the pub.

I questioned my brother closely about the incident, and in the following paragraph I give the gist of what he and his girlfriend could remember of the story:—

> They said that on arriving at the *"Waggon & Horses",* they were told about a man who had not known how to order drinks or to pay for them; he didn't seem to know what money was for; and he seemed to be bewildered about everything. He went over to the juke box and asked what it was, and how it worked. He then went to the cigarette machine and asked why it was different from the juke box? They told him that it was to get cigarettes from, but he didn't understand. My brother also seemed to remember that the other people in the pub said the man had appeared strange in the way he was dressed. They said he had departed very quickly, leaving a lot of change on the counter.

Subsequently, my brother's girlfriend added that it had happened very close to the date when a UFO report had reached the local Police and when the "Goodworth Clatford Circles" had been found close by, about two miles distant.

I am trying to find out more about all this and will let you know in due course.

Yours faithfully,
F.C. Taylor,
52 Appletree Grove,
Andover,
Hampshire.

NOTE BY EDITOR

Over the years, FSR has received several strange reports of this sort, usually, however, too vague or elusive to do anything about or to publish. However, it will be recalled that Charles Bowen did publish in FSR an account of an extraordinarily eerie and suspect individual who actually came to see him in his own house. Some years earlier Dr Bernard Finch had also told me of a very strange case of which he had heard something. Not long ago (FSR 31/4, pp. 11-12) we gave Antonio Ribera's extraordinary story about the *"sosia" ("double")* of a Spaniard allegedly seen walking around in Barcelona in wintertime, still wearing the same flowered Hawaiian shirt in which he had been seen in July!

It looks as though it really is true that there are "weird folk walking around among us". *No doubt there always have been.*

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TENTATIVE LIST OF UFO SIGHTINGS SEEMINGLY ASSOCIATED WITH NEARBY CIRCLE PHENOMENA

1. *Tully, Queensland, Australia. March 1966.* (See FSR 15/3 and FSR 29/1.) In the canefields of Queensland, where several "UFO nests" have been discovered, in connection with the "*North Queensland UFO Saga*" as reported by Stan Seers and William Lasich, an automatic device (presumably a camera triggered off by a compass?) was set to capture any visiting UFO. In March 1966, after a UFO had again been seen, the film, found to have all been exposed, was sent off by post to Kodak, Melbourne, for development. But Kodak claimed that, when it reached them, the spool contained no film! No explanation was ever forthcoming. Most folk assume the film was confiscated by the Australian Intelligence Services. (*If not by them, then by whom? By aliens?) The Report in FSR 29/1 by Seers and Lasich also gave details of five other Australian cases in which photographs or films showing UFOs had "vanished without trace".*

2. *Winchester Bypass, Hampshire, England. Sunday, November 14, 1976, about 9.00 p.m. Case of Mrs Joyce Bowles* and her passenger Mr Edwin Pratt. (See full account in FSR 22/6 (1976). As she turned off the A272 on to the road to Chilcomb, a few miles east of Winchester, Mrs Bowles' car (*Mini Clubman*) "began to shudder and shake as though coming to pieces," and careered off the road on to the verge and halted about 15 ft. from a glowing, orange craft some 15-20 ft. wide and hovering about 12-18 inches off the ground. It appeared to be "spewing out gas jets beneath it" and producing a vapour, and had a curved window through which they could see three heads of occupants. A blond, clear-skinned individual about 6 ft. tall, in a silvery one-piece suit, emerged and walked over to the car and, putting one hand on the roof, peered in at them. They said his eyes were "entirely pink, like an albino rabbit". *The rings in the field at Headbourne Worthy began in the same year, 1976, and in fact the field where the first ring appeared was just a short distance from the scene of Mrs Bowles' encounter.* (And this lady is understood to have had three more UFO experiences since.)

3. "*Devil's Punchbowl*", *Cheesefoot Head, near Winchester, Hampshire: Summer 1982.* According to a report now published for the very first time ("Winchester Gazette", August 20, 1987) a local resident, Mr Frank Barnes, aged 58, of Vale Road, Winchester, has revealed that, "seven summers ago", that is to say, in 1980, while out walking with his dog one evening at this famous local beauty spot, *he saw a UFO land in one of the cornfields.* And he told the newspaper that he was quite sure these craft are responsible for all the mystery rings which have been appearing in the "Devil's Punchbowl" and elsewhere ever since, year after year.
   Describing his experience, he said he had heard a whining or humming sound that seemed like that of a combine-harvester and, looking round, *he beheld a gigantic grey "spaceship-like" object floating across the top of the cornfield. The craft had portholes. And he watched it land in the field, where it remained for five or six minutes, before rising up again and "shooting off at a tremendous speed" towards Alresford.*
   He said that nobody emerged from the craft, but that it left in the corn a single flattened ring identical with those that have been appearing every year since.
   He said both he and his dog had been extremely frightened by the experience. *And he added that there were also two other eyewitnesses — a women walker, and the driver of a municipal refuse van who was engaged in emptying a nearby rubbish-bin. He said that the vehicles of all three eyewitnesses- (i.e. the cars of the woman and of himself, plus the refuse-vehicle) would not start while the UFO was standing in the field.*
   Continuing his account to the paper, Mr Barnes said: "There was this low humming noise, and I felt terrified. My dog will never go up there again. When the object moved off, it travelled far faster than an aircraft. I am convinced that it was a UFO. There must be something 'Up There' trying to get in touch with us."
   He explained that he had kept quiet about the sighting until now, "because it had frightened me so much, and seemed so unbelievable".
   Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews have now interviewed Mr Barnes at length and, as a result, something else which is very extraordinary has also emerged.
   For, what Mr Barnes had not mentioned in his interview with the Winchester newspaper in August 1987 is this: when he had seen the UFO in 1980, he had been carrying a small compact camera (Instamatic) and had secured a photograph of the UFO!

Since he was resolved not to tell anybody about the sighting, he naturally did not tell anybody about the photograph. But he had it developed, and, the following year, 1981, when further rings turned up in the Devil's Punchbowl, Mr Barnes took the unusual step of giving both the photograph and the negative to a photographer-journalist working for one of the local newspapers, stating that he "*knew how the rings were being made*"!

From that point, all seems at present to be swathed in mystery. Mr Mike Biggs, the photographer-journalist in question (of the *Winchester Extra* — associate paper of the *Winchester Gazette*) who is now retired, has been traced and interviewed. He seems to be uncertain as to what became of the print and negative. They *may* have been sent on to Basingstoke, to the head-office of their publishing group. But Mr Biggs, who has recently moved his home, says there is also a possibility they might be found to be in one of the pieces of his baggage which he has not yet unpacked.

So, all we can say at present is that this enquiry continues. We are all, however, familiar with the usual outcome of most such cases. *Consequently, if, in the end, this negative and this print never surface again, nobody will be surprised.*

(For photographs of the rings at Cheesefoot Head in 1981 and 1983, and Pat Delgado's Report on the 1983 rings, see FSR 29/1, published in 1983.)

5. *Stockbridge Down, a few miles to north-west of Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, July 6, 1985. Some time before 11.30 p.m.* Mr Jack Collins and his wife Pat were driving towards Winchester, when they saw a UFO hovering above the hedgerow and close beside the road. They described it as "a huge brightly lit circular thing, divided out like the spokes of a wheel. Around the outside of it there were very bright lights like huge light-bulbs, and other lights in the sections. It was so bright — like something out of a fair-ground". Next day, a set of five rings were found at Goodworth Clatford, near by, and a second set of five were found to the south-east, at Matterley Farm. *The sites at Goodworth Clatford and Matterley Farm and the scene of the Collins sighting are on a straight line.* (For fuller details, and Mr Collins' sketch of the UFO, see body of main article above.)

6. *Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, July 4, 1986. At about 11.45 p.m.* a farm-worker and his wife were travelling by car along the *A272* road from Winchester towards Petersfield when they saw a group of shining UFOs — about seven of them he thought, "like a string of molecules, each with a vividly bright centre." Mr Colin Andrews interviewed the witnesses, who provided him with a sketch of the "*string of molecules*". (For sketch and fuller details, see body of main report above.)

7. *Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire. August 1986.* While inspecting the site of the rings at Headbourne Worthy, *Mr Colin Andrews himself saw a small grey disc overhead.* (See body of main report above.)

8. Finally, Mr Pat Delgado has reported very briefly that, at the end of July 1987, a housewife living near Dorchester in the county of Dorset claims that she saw a UFO in the sky and that, while observing it, there came *into her head, as though telepathically,* the thought: *"There will be new patterns in the rings in the fields this year".*

   And indeed 1987 *has* been marked by the appearance of remarkable new patterns.

   This lady claims that she knows nothing about, has never read about, and is not interested in, anything to do with UFOs, etc. Fuller details are awaited from Pat Delgado in due course.

CONCLUSIONS

As we shall show in extensive further material that we shall publish later, Mr Colin Andrews has interviewed farmers who assure him that the phenomenon of the rings or circles *goes back at least as far as 1936. That is more than fifty years.* So, if, as we are told, the whole thing is a pretty bit of hoaxing by the students of the Wantage Art School, all I can say is that we shall be obliged to admit that all this work must have involved many, many "generations" of students, *and we shall have to admire their tenacity. (Not, one may think, a very marked feature of our modern youth...)*

Our tentative list, as set forth above, thus contains eight UFO sighting cases which point to a link with the rings.

By now, the total number of rings and circles found by the farmers over these fifty years must have been colossal. In his own investigations up to the end of 1986, Colin Andrews told me he had collected details of 43 sets, and those were merely for the eleven years 1975-1986, out of the span of fifty years.

If, then, we have already found some eight cases where UFOs and rings seem definitely to be associated, there must be an immense number of other such pieces of evidence that have not yet surfaced. So we hope that FSR readers and members of the public, especially the farmers, will not fail to let us know of any more material that we can add to our list. — G.C.

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HEDGEHOGS, AUSTRALIANS, OR COWS? MORE MYSTERY CIRCLES DOWN ON THE FARMS — *Gordon Creighton*

THE reports from our experts, Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews, indicate that 1987 is proving to be an absolute "bumper year" for its unsurpassed crop of rings and circles.

But the British national newspapers have in general lost all interest in the subject. The only recent Fleet Street comment to have caught our eye was a delightful little piece in *The Times* of July 8,1987.

According to this account, the most important group of circles on farmland this year has been in a field belonging to Mr Peter Gale. The main circle there had a diameter of 25 yards, and it had the usual four "satellite" circles arranged around it, constituting what we sometimes call a "five-ringer".

There was also a single circle on the land of a Mr Geoff Cooper, on the north side of the Batton-Westbury Road. In this case the swirling of the grain was in an *anti-clockwise* direction.

We have also learned that this year, for the first time, it seems, there have also been circles in fields of *rapeseed*, and not of corn. Fuller details of all these matters will appear in the Consultants' Reports at the end of this year.

The most fascinating part of the report in *The Times* concerned a statement made by farmer Geoff Cooper to their journalist. Mr Cooper, who has regularly had "several circles per year" for some years past (but has now sold to Mr Peter Gale that particular field that received the most circles) said this:-

> "*At first we complained to the Army, because we thought the helicopters were doing it on exercises. But they sent an expert round, and he said a helicopter could only make that shape if it was flying upside down and stationary.*"

Well now, this is of course precisely the solution proposed long ago by FSR, and if readers will look again at the cartoon by our artist EVE on page 11 of FSR 31/6 (October 1986), they will there observe a crack team of helicopter Red Devils from the Royal Orstrailian Air Force doing their upside-down act on the fields while the comedians Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett look on approvingly from the hillside.

In his interview with the correspondent of *The Times*, Mr Geoff Cooper also listed some of the other more popular local theories, such as "*rutting deer*" (though he says these are "sadly out of season"), or "*herds of hedgehogs rotating in unison*", *with approximately 40,000 hedgehogs required to do the job.* Well now, here again, FSR has been well to the fore, for as long ago as October 1983, we suggested, on page 14 of FSR 29/1, both rutting deer and rutting hedgehogs as possible culprits, or indeed even rutting Wiltshiremen and Wiltshire lasses.

Personally, we would say that our own money is still firmly on the "*Red Devils*" aerobatic team of the Royal Australian Air Force, who are of course quite used to flying upside down because they live at the Antipodes.

Should the Aussies turn out to be *not* responsible, then we say we must plump for either the rutting Wiltshire folk or the rutting deer. The one thesis that we DO NOT accept is the hedgehog thesis.

As a keen student of wildlife and nature in general since my own childhood on an English farm, I know full well that the numbers of hedgehogs in Britain have decreased dreadfully over the past few decades. Mr Geoff Cooper says the estimated number of hedgehogs required to do the job of making a mystery circle in a cornfield is 40,000. *I do not think we could muster up 40,000 hedgehogs even in the whole of Britain today. They have all been squashed on the roads by our cars, or killed by the farmers' insecticides.*

News-Flash on the Mystery Rings

Just as we prepare to go to press with this issue, we learn that the latest fantastic score by the end of September 1987 is already a record total of 61 rings on 15 sites.

Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews will have a quite extraordinary over-all report at the end of the year!

G.C.

FURTHER NEWS-FLASH: BOVINE FLATULENCE IN HAMPSHIRE

As indicated above, I really could not feel that we had got the hedgehogs "pinned down" (forgive the pun) as the culprits, since there aren't enough of them left in Britain now. Fortunate, just as we go to press, it looks as though the true perpetrators have at last been unmasked. I do not wish to appear indelicate but, in the interest of truth, I must now report that a British UFO expert has definitely solved our enigma.

Ruminating cattle, as we all know, are (like some UFO experts) wont to generate an awful lot of gas. And it is this bovine flatulence, says the expert, that "*blows the rings in the corn*". (EVE is at work on a cartoon on this.)

Obviously all that Hampshire and Wiltshire need is better fences.

G.C.

UFO CHASE IN CHINA

Gordon Creighton

(*Translation from Chinese.* G.C.)

We have recently had our "Air Force Chase of the Pingpong Balls" over Brazil, and now in a fresh batch of press-clippings for which we are most indebted to our Consultant/Correspondent in Japan, Mr Yusuke J. Matsumura, we have details of a similar but smaller "Air Force chase" in China. Rather than making a general summary of these reports, as I would normally have done, I have on this occasion taken the unusual step of translating the entire batch of clippings in great detail, because I feel this present case gives us an excellent opportunity to observe how the Chinese authorities are coping with the pesky UFOs.

In the early days when they had just got rid of the unusually obnoxious "Gang of Four", and were settling down to a *slightly* more relaxed form of Marxist tyranny, the Chinese authorities cannot possibly have known much about UFOs, and in all the hullaballoo of the Civil War and mutual mayhem since Mao Tse-Tung seized power in 1949 (only two years after Kenneth Arnold's sighting) they cannot possibly have had the desire or the time in which to study the problem. Consequently, when the slight relaxation came, we heard of the establishment of the civilian Chinese UFO Research Society and the launching of their journal (published in Lanzhou, N.W. China) with a total of 300,000 readers — a figure which I am sure was all eyewash. In theory they are supposed to exchange journals with FSR, since we regularly send our magazine to *their* Overseas Representative, Paul Dong. But in actual fact, scarcely one Chinese magazine per year reaches me, and those that do contain nothing but translated re-hashes of articles about Keyhoe and Hynek and very old articles of Vallée and Ribera; a few harmless accounts of "things seen in the sky" over China, and the usual padding in the form of articles about hypothetical space-travel by humans.

My own guess is that, now that the Chinese authorities have had time to settle down a bit, and have also had time to take a look at the UFO Phenomenon, they have unquestionably realized at last how dangerous it is. Therefore, despite the usual jabber about the Chinese version of *"glasnost'", it can be predicted that they will start stamping heavily on UFO research there, and all groups and publications will soon wither away, as they are doing elsewhere.*

A few months ago I talked with a foreign expert, a man of world-wide fame in the UFO field, who had just returned from a visit to China. He had been invited to visit that country by a UFO study group there, but I had warned him that, apart from a nice chance to see something of China, the trip would yield nothing of value and that he would not be free to meet people. And so it proved. He told me that local officials had kept up the surveillance and harassment throughout his presence in the town, and had forbidden the members of the UFO study group to let him visit their homes. What talks and contacts he managed to secure were therefore done clandestinely.

***This little batch of recent reports from China which I give below shows that the Chinese authorities are employing the usual methods to dissuade the public from interest in the subject. It is evident, from the large amount of newspaper space devoted to the case, that they are distinctly worried about it. And no doubt realize that their old hackneyed "explanations" are ceasing to convince. It is therefore all the more amazing that the Chinese press-censors should have been so slipshod and so careless, as they have done in this case, by letting several nice little cats out of the bag. These little cats (so well known to us from all over the world!) are: (1) The reports that, after the UFO had passed through clouds, the clouds still glowed;* (2) the reports that many eyewitnesses said *their wristwatches stopped;* and (3) the reports that, on the Island of Shengsi, off the coast of China, there was a brief *electricity blackout* as the UFO passed over. All three of these remarkable phenomena, say the Chinese experts, were purely due to chance. — EDITOR**

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1. WEN WEI PO, Shanghai, August 28

SHANGHAI VISITED LAST NIGHT BY UFO. "FLYING TOWARDS SOUTH-EAST: SIZE OF A WASHBOWL, WITH DARK CENTRAL SPOT": SOME SAY "LIKE A SPIRAL WATCH-SPRING"

WEN WEI PO Reporter: At about 7.58 p.m. last night an unidentified flying object passed over the

City. From 8.00 p.m. onwards the paper received numerous phone calls reporting it.

One caller at Shangnan Xincum in the Pudong area said it was of the apparent size of a washbasin with a dark central spot and emitting dazzling flashes of light. He watched it for some two or three minutes until it vanished in the south-east.

A reader named Zhou at Zhongguxiang in the Qingpu area gave a very clear account. His description of its appearance agreed with that of the first-named caller — "like the spiral spring of a watch". The under part gradually became more vague, and then assumed the shape of a round tail. The strangest feature was that, after it had passed through the clouds, *the clouds still continued to glow.* This witness, immensely shaken, told us that never before in his life had he beheld such a flying object.

There were also many phone calls from residents of the Jiangwan and Caojiadu districts.

We telephoned to the Shanghai Weather Bureau, the Shanghai Observatory, and the Yushan University. They all said they too had received numerous similar phone calls, but that at present it was still difficult to give a clear and definite explanation.

2. WEN WEI PO, Shanghai, August 29

Today, this same paper reported that the staff of the Shanghai Observatory had issued a statement that the object seen was probably a man-made missile or the debris of a missile. (The paper, however, now mentioned — for the first time — that various people had reported *electricity failures* as the UFO flew over.) The paper now explained that, in the view of the experts, should any such electricity failures have occurred anywhere, then these were strictly by pure chance, and could not possibly have had anything to do with the flying object.

The paper goes on to mention that, in 1985, anunknown flying object had also caused a great commotion in Shanghai, and the Observatory staff had discussed it and come to the decision that it was a meteor.

Since 1986, says the paper, the Shanghai Observatory has received more than twelve reports of UFOs. The Observatory experts view these phenomena not as objects from Outer Space, but as possibly due to "some natural phenomenon arising from the Earth's own atmosphere."

3. RENMIN RIBAO, Beijing (Peking), August 29

UFO OVER ZHEJIANG PROVINCE AND SHANGHAI. SHANGHAI AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS DESPATCH FIGHTER CRAFT TO INVESTIGATE. SUDDEN ELECTRICITY FAILURE AT SHENGSI, AND WRIST-WATCHES STOP.

XINHUA NEWS AGENCY, BEIJING, August 28. From our Shanghai Correspondent:–

Last night many people in the Shanghai Municipality observed the passage of a UFO through their skies.

The eyewitnesses state that the sighting was between 7.50 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. They described it as "a flashing spiral with a glowing rear part". Some saw "a shining elliptical dish". Others said: "Like a comet, with a shining tail aperture like an umbrella".

The eyewitnesses reported the colour as yellow, and said the object was revolving in a clockwise fashion rapidly from west to east, the whole sighting lasted but a few moments.

The Shanghai Naval Air Station sent up an aircraft to pursue and observe the object.

At the Shanghai Meteorological Bureau the object was also seen by the Bureau's Chief Engineer Shu Jiajin who told me that it was the first occurrence of a UFO over Shanghai, but said that, as regards its nature and origin, it was still not yet possible to give a concrete answer.

Furthermore, according to a telegram from a correspondent in Shengsi County, when this UFO passed over that area, at the local electricity generating-station, where the machines were running quite normally, *there was a sudden failure; and instantly the entire island was plunged in darkness. Most people's wrist-watches stopped.* All that was to be seen in the sky was the small object, "shaped like a spinning-top, of maybe the size of a helicopter" spinning away fast from west to east. Owing to the power failure, most of the military and the civilian population on the island all saw the phenomenon.

4. WEN WEI PO, Hongkong edition, August 29

UFO NEAR SHANGHAI. "ROUND LIKE A WASHBASIN, EMITTING ORANGE-YELLOW BEAMS." MILITARY AIRCRAFT SENT UP TO INVESTIGATE

From our Shanghai Correspondent, August 28:–

At 8.00 p.m. on August 27, in the night sky over Shanghai a bright flashing unidentified flying object made a fleeting appearance and then was gone. In many places, folk strolling and enjoying the evening air saw the strange sight in the heavens. A man living in Pudong said: "At about 7.56 p.m. more or less, a spiral-shaped flying object suddenly appeared over Bailianjing, its size being about that of a net-ball, shooting out bright flashes, it moved off, still spinning, towards the south-east. In Nanhui County, crowds of people reported that at about 7.55 p.m. it appeared overhead there. The visual judgement of eyewitnesses was that it was at a height of about 4,000–5,000 metres. It was ellipsoid, and its (apparent? ED) diameter was about 30 cms.–50 cms. At the rear end there was an orange-yellow beam from an aperture that

looked about the size of a washbowl.

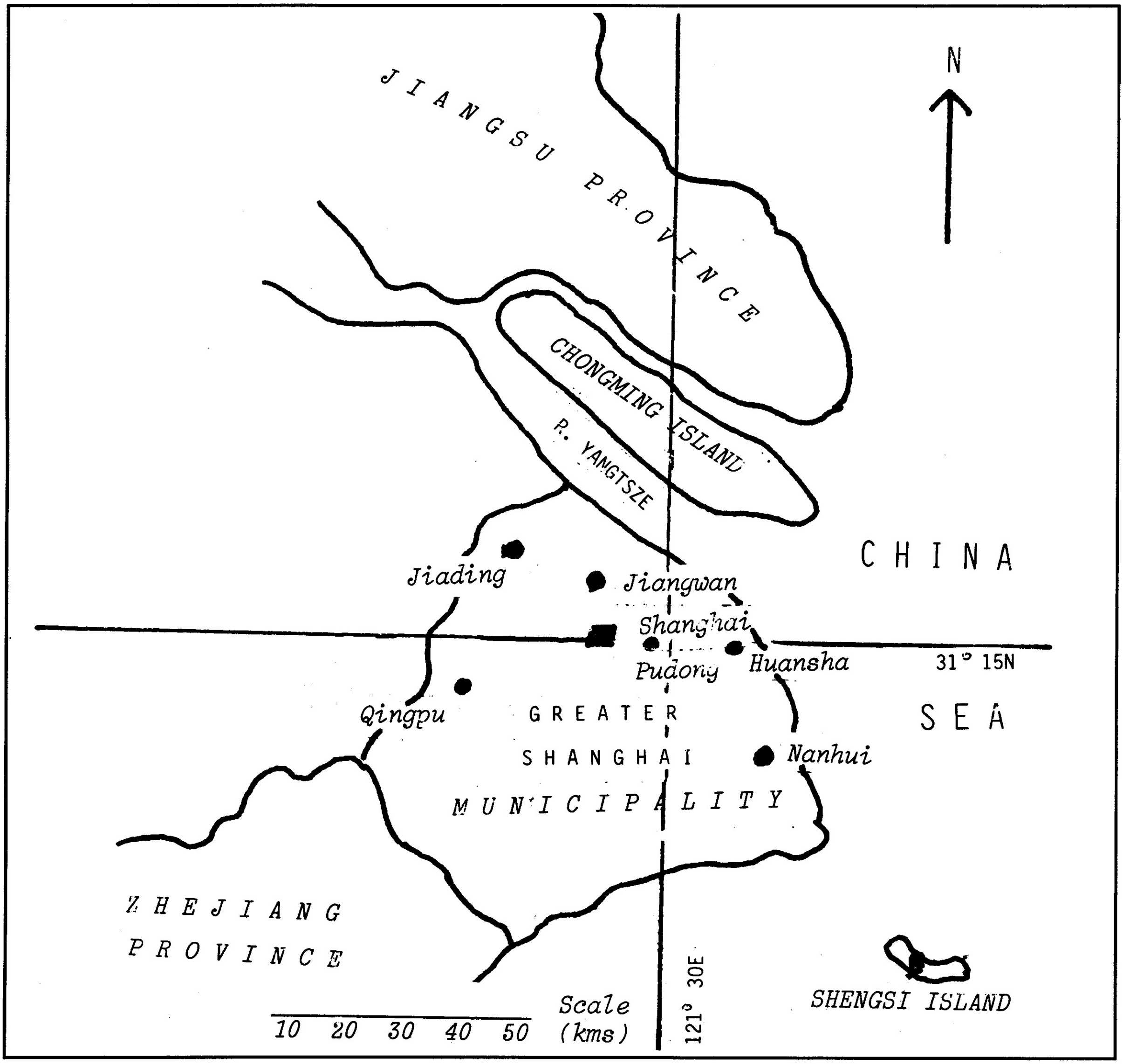
The fisher-folk on the Island of Shengsi saw it at 7.57 p.m. It was bigger and brighter than the planet Venus. They said it had three pale white apertures and was of spiral shape and spinning as it went, very fast.

When it passed over the Island, all the electric lights went out, and came on again about one minute later. The Electricity Supply Office said there had been no suspension of operations by them. There were also reports that a UFO had been seen at Hangzhou.

As we understand, when the UFO appeared over Shanghai, the Shanghai Air Force Headquarters at once sent up an aircraft to pursue and investigate the UFO. The pilot's description of the object corresponded pretty well with accounts given by many eyewitnesses. By 8.30 p.m., it had vanished eastwards over the sea.

According to the investigations made by the astronomers, this was not a shooting star, nor a comet, but it could possibly have been a man-made object (such as a rocket, etc). or the debris of such, falling and reflecting the light of the Sun.

Already in 1985, Shanghai had a UFO sighting which caused quite a stir. On that occasion the Shanghai Observatory said that it was a fireball. Since 1986 the Shanghai Observatory has seen about a dozen unidentified flying objects. As regards the present case, we must await their final decision after they



have collected more data on the occurrence.

5. DAGONG BAO, Hongkong edition, August 31

UFO HULLABALLOO OVER EASTERN CHINA: AIR FORCE PILOT DISCUSSES HIS PURSUIT

From our Shanghai correspondent, August 29:–

On August 27, Air Force Pilot Mao Xuecheng, of a certain unit stationed at Shanghai, pursued a UFO for about 2.45 minutes, and today he has given an account of it.

He is an experienced, full-time Air Force pilot, with more than ten years of service.

He said: "At 7.35 p.m., I received orders to take off and, flying at 800 k.p.h., to carry out my mission, from the area over Chongming Island, and fly to an airfield due south.

"As I was leaving the area over Jiangnan, I suddenly spotted, above, on my starboard side, over Jiading, a very bright, very dazzling flying body, and, since it didn't resemble an aircraft, nor a guided missile, but did in fact look like a flare, being in size and shape a bit larger than a sort of round straw hat. I opened up the throttle and put on speed to 900 k.p.h., in pursuit. My clock showed 7.57 p.m. Keeping my eye closely on the object, I saw that it was now descending. The bright part of it was an orange-yellow colour, and, behind, it had a sort of spiral tail, also orange-yellow. The whole thing was spinning clockwise, but the tail was not spinning. At 7.59 p.m. it shifted to my front port side. At that moment, it started to rise again and increased its speed greatly compared with when it had been going down. After 45 more seconds, I still had not caught up with it and by now I was over the airfield, so I requested permission to land. The object vanished towards the south-east, over Chuansha County.

Central News Agency Telegram from Fuzhou, August 29:–

At about 8.00 p.m. on August 27, an unidentified flying object was seen over Fuzhou and also over Zhenghe, Songqi, and Tuorong in the northern part of Fujian Province.

According to a report in the *Fujian Ribao* (daily newspaper) the UFO was elliptical in shape, its whole body emitting a reddish-orange glow, and from the two sides of the elliptical craft it emitted beams of white light. It was travelling from west to east, and at 7.59 p.m. it appeared in the sky to the north of the village of Ancun, lying to the east of Zhenghe County, and was seen by more than sixty people.

6. WEN WEI PO, Hongkong edition, August 31:

This carries the same report about FujianProvince, as just given above under item 5, but has the following additional material:—

"On the same evening, August 27, at exactly 8.00 p.m., a similar unidentified flying object was seen at Tuorong, Songqi and other places in Fujian Province. But reports of the various eyewitnesses at Songqi said it was "shaped like a butterfly", with a very bright round central part, and the upper and lower parts looking like fans.

Observers in Fuzhou said that in the centre it had a very big round thing emitting from its top and its underside diffracted rays of light, the brightness and length of the beams constantly changing.

No sound was heard from it.

The witnesses everywhere say the sighting was very brief, from a few seconds to 1½ minutes or so.

(NOTE BY EDITOR FSR. If, at 8.00 p.m. on August 27, the same UFO was visible from both Shanghai and the city of Fuzhou, which is at least *750 or 800 kms* to the south, then it must surely have been at an enormous height!)

In a separate news item, the same issue of the Hongkong WEN WEI PO of August 31, has the following:—

Central News Agency Telegram from our Shanghai Correspondent, August 29:—

Some of the Shanghai astronomers have now made a preliminary analysis of the sighting of a UFO over that city on August 27, and consider it was possibly a man-made object (such as a rocket, etc.), or maybe the debris of such. Their reasoning is as follows:—

"The spiral-shaped unidentified flying object seen on the 27th was, in the first place, certainly no aircraft, since aircraft are not spiral and cannot spin. Secondly, it cannot have been a fireball, because when a fireball enters the upper atmosphere it is very fast and exceedingly bright as it burns up.

"Thirdly, it could not have been a comet, since a comet is shaped very much like a broom hanging in the sky; it has a head and a tail, and it does not spin.

"Consequently, it may possibly have been a man-made object (such as a rocket, etc.), or debris of same. The pieces could be of very differing shapes and sizes, and could be spinning.

"The height would be in excess of several hundred kms., and it would shine in the rays of the Sun.

The scientists say that the accounts given by many eyewitnesses were basically all very similar, which proves that it was not an illusion. The eyewitnesses had very varied estimates of the altitude of the UFO, naked eye estimates in these matters being very unreliable.

As for the reports that in various places, when the thing passed over, there were electricity failures, the scientists say that this could simply be

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UFO大鬧華東地區
空軍機師談追踪經過
適巧空中執勤　追踪歷時兩分餘鐘

【本報上海二十九日專電】駐滬空軍某部飛行員毛學成二十七日跟踪不明飛行物體達兩分四十五秒。毛學成今天向人們敍述觀察到飛行物體的情狀。

毛學成是位全天候飛行員，已飛行十多年，有豐富的飛行經驗，他說：「二十七日晚七點三十五分，我奉命駕機起飛，執行空中巡邏任務後，以時速八百公里的速度，由崇明島上空向正南方的機場返航，當我飛離長江上空時，突然發現右上空、嘉定上空，有一個很亮、很刺眼的飛行物體，它既不像飛機，也不像導彈，倒像一個照明彈，大小和形狀比一般圓形草帽大一點兒，我立即加大油門，以九百公里的速度，與它形成一百度加角，緊急追趕。此時，時針指在七點五十七分，我經過仔細觀察，發現不明飛行物體在下降，亮點部分顏色呈桔黃色，後面拖着的螺旋形尾巴也呈桔黃色，整個物體作順時針旋轉，但尾巴並不旋轉，朝東南方向飛去。七點五十九分，它變換在我飛機的左前方。此刻，它迅由下降變為上升，速度比下降時要快得多。又過了四十五秒，我沒有追上它，這時已到機場上空，於是請求着陸，並報告了上述情況。我臨着陸時，飛行物體已在川沙縣上空，逐漸看不清了。」

【中新社福州二十九日電】福建省福州及閩北的政和、松溪、拓榮等地於八月二十七日晚八時左右相繼發現一不明飛行物。

據《福建日報》報道，這一不明飛行物呈橢圓形，通體發出桔紅色的光，從橢圓的兩側散發出白色的光。該飛行物由西向東運行，八月二十七日晚七時五十九分出現在政和縣東峯村北面上空，有六十多

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沪浙上空出现不明飞行物
嵊泗突然停电手表停走
驻沪部队出动飞机追踪

新华社北京8月28日电　本社驻上海记者报道：昨天晚上不少上海市民观察到天空出现不明飞行物体。

目击者称，发现不明飞行物的时间大约是晚7时50分到8时30分之间。目击者对飞行物的形状描述不一，有的说是“螺旋形光束，后散为光点”，有的称似“椭圆形光盘”，还有“象彗星，尾部光圈似伞形”的说法。据报告者说，不明飞行物呈桔黄色，顺时针旋转，自西向东快速移动，从出现到消失仅数秒钟。

人民解放军海军航空兵驻沪部队发现不明飞行物后，曾出动飞机追踪观察。

上海市气象局昨晚也观察到了不明飞行物的行踪。气象局总工程师束家鑫告诉记者，在上海发现不明飞行物还是第一次，对飞行物的来龙去脉，目前还不能做出具体解释。

另据一通讯员自浙江嵊泗县来电称，这一不明飞行物经过当地上空时，嵊泗县发电厂在机器运转正常并未关闸的情况下，突然停电，瞬间岛上一片黑暗。人们戴的手表大部分都停止走动。只见一形如陀螺，若直升飞机螺旋桨大小的物体自西北向东南旋转运行。所经之处如同白昼。因停电，岛上大部分驻军和居民都目睹了这一景象。

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光圈似臉盆　發桔黃色光
UFO飛臨上海
軍機即升空追蹤

【本報上海二十八日電】二十七日晚八時，上海夜空出現熠熠發光的不明飛行物，稍縱即逝。在外納涼的人們普遍看到了這一天空奇觀。

一位住在浦東的市民稱，大約在晚上七點五十六分，在白蓮涇上空突然出現一隻螺旋形的飛行物，大小如網球，熠熠發光，旋轉着向東南方上空飛去。南匯縣的羣衆反映，七點五十五分左右，不明飛行物出現在南匯上空，據目測約有四五千米高，飛行物呈橢圓形，直徑約三十至五十厘米，尾部閃着桔黃色的光芒，光圈有臉盆那麽大。住在浙江嵊泗列島的漁民看到的時間是七點五十七分，飛行物比啓明星要大要亮，有三道淡白色的光圈，飛行物呈螺旋狀，旋轉飛行，速度很快，它飛臨海島上空的時候，電燈都不亮了，歷時約一分鐘，電燈又亮了，供消失後，電燈部門說此時並未發生供電故障。據說，在杭州也發現了不明飛行物。

據了解，上海天空出現不明飛行物時，駐滬空軍立即出動飛機追蹤觀察，飛行員所見飛行物的形狀和許多目擊者描述的差不多，至八時三十分，不明飛行物在東面海洋上消失了。

據天文學家分析，這個飛行物既不是流星，也不是彗星，它有可能是一個人造的飛行體（如火箭等）或其殘骸逗留在空間，靠反射太陽光而發光。一九八五年，上海曾因出現一個不明飛行物而引起轟動，上海天文台當時認爲是火流星。自八六年以來，上海天文台已發現不明飛行物有十二次之多。對於這次現象，有待在繼續收集資料後，再作進一步分析判斷。

due to chance.

Staff of the Shanghai Observatory also said it could have been some natural phenomenon occurring in the upper levels of the Earth's atmosphere.

There was a great sensation in Shanghai over an unidentified flying object in 1985. On that occasion the Shanghai Observatory decided that it was a fiery meteor.

Since 1986, the Shanghai region has had about twelve sightings of unidentified flying objects.

NOTE BY EDITOR

IDENTIFICATION OF PLACE-NAMES

NAME IN CURRENT "PINYIN" SYSTEM	NAME IN WADE/GILES OR OLD CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM
LANZHOU	LANCHOW, LAN-CHOU
SHANGNAN XINCUN	SHANG-NAN HSIN-TS'UN
PUDONG	POOTUNG, P'U-TUNG
ZHONGGUXIANG	CHUNG-KU—HSIANG
QINGPU	CH'ING-P'U
JIANGWAN	KIANGWAN, CHIANG-WAN
CAOJIADU	TS'AO-CHIA-TU
YUSHAN	YÜ-SHAN
ZHEJIANG PROVINCE	CHEKIANG PROVINCE
SHENGSI ISLAND	SHENG-SSU ISLAND
BAILIANJING	PAI-LIEN-CHING
NANHUI	NAN-HUI
HANGZHOU	HANGCHOW
CHONGMING ISLAND	CH'UNG-MING ISLAND
JIADING	CHIA-TING, KIATING
FUZHOU	FOOCHOW, FU-CHOU
FUJIAN PROVINCE	FUKIEN PROVINCE, FU-CHIEN PROVINCE
ZHENGHE	CHENG-HO
SONGQI	SUNG-CH'I
TUORONG	T'O-JUNG

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THE AWFUL TRUTH AT LAST

(Translation)

"FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Over thirty years old and the most venerable institution of the Ufological world. When it was edited by Charles Bowen, it was the most respected UFO journal in the world. A few years ago, Bowen retired for health reasons, and Gordon Creighton took over, introducing many bizarre ideas into the Review. It is now regarded as totally superseded, although still supported by leading figures in world Ufology (which worries the British Ufologists). It scarcely ever publishes any interesting reports, and the native British experts give it a wide berth."

J. Randles, in an obscure French-language UFO magazine (July 1987).

THE BOGOTÁ SPECIMEN: A NEW PHYSICAL INVESTIGATION

Dr Jacques Vallée, PhD., FSR Consultant

We have much pleasure in publishing this article which we have just received from Dr Vallée. And he states that he will naturally be very interested in any comments that FSR Consultants or Correspondents or Readers are able to make, and that all suggestions will be welcome. — EDITOR

SCIENTISTS interested in the UFO Phenomenon have long hoped that some sort of physical evidence would be found in connection with a well-documented sighting. Such evidence could be analyzed in the laboratory and it would provide, if not proof of the reality of UFOs, at least a good basis for a fruitful dialogue among the supporters of various theories about them.

In real life things are not so simple. The combination of a good sighting with a physical specimen is

rare. And given such a specimen, it is often difficult to find competent laboratories to analyze it. Not only is the cost of such an analysis significant, but it is a complex task to determine what questions should be asked and what equipment should be used. A fascinating book could be written about the mistakes that have been made over the years in the handling of such samples, from careless labelling to outright destruction, as was the case in the first "analysis" of the Ubatuba magnesium sample by the U.S. Air Force!

Over the years a number of cases have been found in which a physical specimen was in fact recovered. A short summary includes:

A. The Maury island (Washington) case of 21 June, 1947
B. The Ubatuba (Brazil) case of 1957
C. The Swedish case of 11 October, 1959
D. The Alaska (Kiana) case, date unknown
E. The Council Bluffs (Iowa) case of 17 December, 1977
F. The Jopala (Mexico) case of 1978
G. The Campinas (Brazil) case of 14 December, 1954

None of these cases has provided conclusive evidence for any particular theory of UFOs, although the Ubatuba material has successfully resisted "explanation" at the hands of the Condon committee - after surviving partial destruction at the hands of "Project Blue Book..." That particular sample is now under active and very competent analysis at a large American University.

The new case I am introducing here is likely to fall into the same category: intriguing enough to deserve study, yet frustrating in investigation techniques and research methodology than in terms of its implications. Indeed it may teach us more in terms of the physics of the phenomenon. My hope is that we will eventually have enough cases of this type for a pattern to emerge.

Background

The Bogotá specimen was brought to my attention in October 1985 by two respected Latin American researchers, Messrs Enrique Castillo (director of the Venezuelan Institute for Research on Extraterrestrial Phenomena) and Ricardo Vilchez (of the Costa Rican Institute for Scientific and Exo-biological Investigation). The occasion was an international congress on paranormal research held in San José, Costa Rica.

Sr. Castillo, who had conducted the initial investigation in Colombia, told me that he had secured a piece of some physical evidence the witnesses had found at the site of a UFO sighting. He had subsequently given it to Sr. Vilchez, who was kind enough to turn it over to me for further study. They mentioned that a preliminary analysis had already been performed in Central America.

The Sighting

Two students who were walking on the campus of the University of Bogotá, Colombia, at about 4 a.m. one night in 1975 or 1976, heard a metallic sound overhead. Looking up through the rain that was falling heavily at the time they saw a disc swinging in the air as if it were in difficulty. They estimated its diameter at 4 metres and its altitude at 1000 to 1200 metres.

While this object seemed about to go out of control, they observed four other discs that flew to the vicinity of the first one as if to assist it. They were of the same shape and size.

It is at that point that, according to the witnesses, some spouts of liquid were ejected from the central disc. The students took refuge under a tree and saw the bright fluid fall into the rainwater puddles in the street, producing a vapour. The five objects then rose and disappeared into the low rain clouds.

The witnesses recovered two metal chunks, about 4 inches by 1¼ inch in size, after letting the material cool down for about ten minutes.

Preliminary Analysis

The first analysis was performed at the request of Sr. Castillo by a mechanical engineer employed by a petroleum company. He concluded that the sample was an aluminium alloy with magnesium and tin. It was non-magnetic, seemed to contain no iron, no nickel and no molybdenum, but included traces of other materials that were unidentified. He also stated that the metal was soft (easily cut) and presented a very fine granulation.

Analysis in the United States

When the sample was turned over to me by Sr. Vilchez I initiated a "chain of evidence" by sealing it inside an envelope and having him place his signature next to mine on the flap of that envelope. I carried it back to the United States and placed the envelope in a secure location after summarizing the case for the record at the office of my attorney and signing an affidavit. The envelope was not opened until arrangements had been made with a high-technology company whose executives were interested in the case. They provided access to the required tools for a detailed investigation. After witnessing that the original signatures were present on the intact envelope, the group extracted the sample and made the following observations:

1. The sample is approximately 51 mm long, tapering in width from 39 mm to 33 mm with a 7 mm thickness. It shows signs of melting, with a rough surface on one side. We observed a crude cut, apparently made by a shop saw during the

first analysis.

2. The process of metal solidification on the "top" side shows violent activity with bubbling of the metal. Some embedded organic material, possibly from the road asphalt, was also noted. The sample is quite light, with low density and little corrosion. It flakes easily when attacked with a sharp scalpel.
3. The sample is an excellent electrical conductor. An ohmmeter test across the narrow dimension of 36 mm shows only a fraction of an ohm in resistance. The sample must be purely metallic in composition, and aluminium is suspected.
4. A small corner of the sample was cut with a hand jewelry saw, except for a small distance which was bent by hand. This remaining "bridge" broke after six bends, showing the metal to be very ductile, with very strong grain growth. We noted that the sample showed weld marks and clamp marks, probably from an earlier analysis.
5. We designated the small portion we had cut off as "Sample A". It is on that portion that all subsequent tests were conducted.

Scanning electron microscope analysis

This is a technique which produces an X-ray fluorescence spectrum. It was applied to the small part of the sample which had been broken by hand and thus represented a typical, uncontaminated section of the inside matter of the specimen. Microphotographs showed a rather sizable cavity which was probed further during the analysis.

The results of this test showed the sample to contain over 90% aluminium, with small amounts of phosphorus and iron. There was no tin and no magnesium.

The metallurgical experts doing the analysis commented that the sample was "melted through and through" and that nothing would have survived of the initial structure. The appearance, in fact, is typical of an "overheat". Such heat would have ruined a casting and is consistent with the blow-up of a machine.

The tests produced agreement about the following composition:

Aluminium	93.72%
Phosphorus	4.75%
Iron	0.91%
Trace elements	0.62%

Auger Analysis

In this technique a scanning ion mass spectroscope is used to explore the material by boring deeper and deeper from its surface layer into its interior. Placed in a very high vacuum, the sample is hit by an electron beam. The measurements are repeated at several points for consistency. The average of five points was used.

This analysis suprised us in that it showed no aluminium at first. The surface layer was composed of carbon, oxygen (not combined with aluminum) and nitrogen.

Beyond this layer appeared the following elements: aluminum, magnesium, potassium, sulphur, sodium, and silicium. Phosphorus and irom also show up in this analysis, in small amounts.

Summary of the analysis

The Bogotá specimen is a sample of aluminium with a high degree of purity, combined with phosphorus and iron, with trace elements including sulphur, magnesium, and silicium, and an oxy-carbide layer.

The sample is unusual in what it *does not contain.* In particular there is no fluoride, a common by-product of the aluminium refining process. Aluminium fluoride is very stable and would be expected in this material. The absence of heavy materials is also noteworthy. Another substance whose absence is intriguing is *water.*

The significance of the oxy-carbide layer that was found in the sample is unknown at this point. This layer goes deeper than a surface contaminant would.

Questions for follow-up tests

The analysis of this specimen is continuing. Although its composition has now been established, a number of questions remain.

1. We have not investigated the list of all possible aluminium alloys this material could match.
2. Tests of radioactivity need to be performed.
3. We have not had the opportunity to consult an aluminium production expert to find out if the absence of fluoride and of water were truly significant.
4. It would be interesting to determine just how hard an average laboratory would have to work in order to duplicate this sample.
5. A neutron activation analysis and an attempt at carbon-14 dating of the organic material have been suggested to us.
6 A microscopic examination of the surface, followed by chemical analysis of surface contaminants such as asphalt would be useful in completing our assessment of the case.
7. An attempt should be made to locate the witnesses in Colombia and to document their story in greater detail.

Conclusions

The most useful result of this work has been to refine our methodology and give us greater experience in the testing of alleged UFO material. We have also put into place a procedure for the preservation of a

"chain of evidence" that would have validity in the legal sense, although it does not completely eliminate any possibility of trickery on the part of the scientists involved in the tests. The probability of such manipulation of the data decreases, of course, as the tests are repeated by independent laboratories.

The range of explanations for the Bogotá sample has now been narrowed down to three hypotheses. It could have come from a UFO, as claimed by the witnesses. But before we can definitely "prove" this conclusion, we must eliminate the possibility that we are dealing with satellite re-entry material, or with a hoax. It is difficult to exclude the satellite hypothesis as long as the date remains imprecise, hence the high priority on finding the witnesses again. Unfortunately the file containing the original interviews has been lost, and we do not know the exact year of the observation.

The hoax hypothesis can only be eliminated through the internal consistency of the test results and their match with the witnesses' story. So far we have noted several facts that seem to indicate that the case is genuine: the sample is very clean and does not seem to have been formed by pouring aluminium over the ground or over a factory floor. Aluminium picks up dirt very easily and the sample would have been contaminated.

Also, the impurity level is quite different from what would be expected from slag. These observations encourage us to continue with our program of tests, but they do not constitute final proof that the case is genuine.

In coming months we hope to be able to determine whether this sample is truly unusual. It will then be interesting to correlate its composition with that of other alleged UFO samples.

SPANISH MOTORISTS CHASED FOR FIVE HOURS

One of FSR's Spanish Consultant/Correspondents, Sr. Juan Plana Crivillén (who himself lives in Sabadella, just outside the city of Barcelona, in Catalunya) has sent us details of a remarkable recent case which he has investigated, and which was reported at length in *"Claxon"*, Sabadella's local newspaper, in its issue of December 8-14, 1986. In its account, this newspaper used a report on the affair that had been compiled by Josep Guijarro, Director of the Spanish review *"Mundo Misterioso"*.

The episode dates from a Friday in August 1980. The family involved are residents of Terrassa, another small town, lying slightly to the south of Sabadella, which has been mentioned in a number of important UFO accounts in recent years, especially that of the enormous UFO detected over that area in November 1985, and reported on by Sr. Crivillén in FSR 32/1.

The family had been away on holiday, visiting friends in Ciudad Real, in south-central Spain below Madrid. Juan ————, aged 35, employed as a foreman in an enterprise at Sabadella, was at the wheel of his *Morris 1100.* His wife Maria-Dolors, aged 37, was in the passenger seat beside him, asleep, while their two daughters and grandmother were in the rear seats. The time was about midnight. They were travelling northwards along the coastal road, the *N-340,* and had passed through Valencia (39° 27 N., 0° 23 W.), when Juan caught sight of a brilliant white object which he took to be a mercury lamp on some nearby tower. When they had driven on a few more kilometres, the light appeared to have taken up position right above the top left corner of the rear window. Juan began to be alarmed, and his wife awoke. She suggested that the thing must be a UFO, but Juan insisted on running through a series of rationalizations, saying finally: *"Well, now ... if it was a UFO ... I've heard that they change colour!"*

Instantly it turned into a dense cloud, and then grew smaller and took on a very leaden-bluish shade. And it underwent this particular set of transformations four or five times.

It was a very clear night, the sky full of stars, and the temperature around 20 °C. The moon lay to their right.

Next, the UFO began to shuttle from one side of the road to the other, sometimes ahead of the car, sometimes behind and at times shooting across overhead or taking up position there.

And this "toing and froing" went on throughout the whole of their five-hour car journey!

But when they arrived at the toll-post at Martorell the UFO began to change its ways again. It grew smaller and now became an intense blue colour. Immediately after that, it turned into a cloud which proceeded to settle right down on top of the car. Says Juan: *"I had no visibility whatever, and pulled up in a real fright. Then, a few instants later, the cloud grew smaller again and rose again into the air."*

One feature not mentioned so far in this story is that, moving along beside it, the UFO had a smaller object like a sort of scout-ship.

Shortly before the party reached the restaurant

known as *"L'Hostal de la Gloria"*, at the spot popularly known as *"Los Once de Martorell"* (as the distance from there to Terrassa is eleven kilometres), Maria-Dolors, very excited, shouted to her husband to pull up. He did so, and they then watched the small object enter the big one.

Then, they said, *"A triangular-shaped metallic object the size of an aircraft and with a number of coloured lights came out of the big disc and shot away over the car at tremendous speed".*

Juan had, meanwhile, remembered that he had a ciné-camera with him in the car, and he managed to expose one metre of film.(KODAK EKITAR 9mm., F/12 LENS XL 33, with HECTACOM 160 film.)

This film, said Josep Guijarro, writer of the newspaper report, was now held by Jordi Márquez of the ANTENA-3 TV organization.

The UFO finally vanished from sight suddenly at about 6.00 a.m.

What happened to this family that night?, asks Josep Guijarro. *Was it an abduction attempt that did not come off? Did Juan, by braking abruptly, prevent the UFO entities from getting them and examining them?*

The one metre of film does not show much — just a light, of about the size of the moon, against a blue sky.

COMMENT. Almost six hours of constant harassment and pursuit by a UFO seems to me to be just about a record in the whole of the known literature, and it is difficult to imagine that the whole family were not in fact taken out of the car at some point on the journey and subjected to any number of tests and examinations. — G.C.

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

The Linear Motor: Gravity Defeated?

The Editor, FSR, — I wonder how many of our readers saw the news item on page 2 of *The Times* of Saturday, May 23rd, 1987, entitled *"Gyroscopes challenge law of motion"*, by Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent? From it I quote: "Mr Sandy Kidd, aged 49, a tool-fitter, has moved to the department of mechanical engineering at Dundee University to continue his investigations after working for four years in his garden shed in Dundee to produce his system. Unknown to him, Mr Peter Greed, a Swindon schoolteacher, had been working on the same subject and had taken out a patent in 1974.

"Both have used spinning gyroscopes to convert rotary momentum into linear momentum. Mr Greed said that he had used a simple device which showed in principle that in low gravity it was possible for the device to reduce the weight of the object being propelled until there was an upthrust which would lift it against the gravitational field. Mr Kidd's device, which is about 18 in. high, uses two gyroscopes, an electric drill and a model aircraft engine to demonstrate the principle.

"Professor Eric Laithwaite,* of Imperial College, London, the leading British academic in the field, said: 'What he has to do now is to make a machine which develops a bigger force in relation to weight'.

"It was lectures by Professor Laithwaite which first stimulated Mr Kidd's interest. What Mr Kidd has achieved so far, he has achieved by pure intuition. I want to see what more his intuition can turn up. He might just turn up something that the experts miss. We need all the help we can get.

"Mr Greed, who used pieces of wood and string and two gyroscopes to demonstrate the principle, denied that it was contrary to Newton's laws."

I am reminded of a letter received in the early years of FSR from a man who had tried to interest scientists in his device, which was an upturned bowl with a hole drilled in the bottom, a cotton reel stuck outside and the whole threaded on a vertical rod. When spun round, he said, it rose on its shaft. Being reporters rather than scientists at FSR there was little we could do to help him, but there does seem to be some principle involved here, for it has been said that the conventional bell-shaped flying saucers are made externally of two or more contra-rotating shells, generating lift and linear acceleration. One wonders if control is still a problem, but the answer must wait for a gap or a thinning in the unprecedented smoke-screen that has been built up to hide our subject.

Yours faithfully,
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Yaldham Manor,
Kemsing,
Nr. Sevenoaks,
Kent,
May 26, 1987.

*Many of our British readers may recall television programmes of some years ago, in which the distinguished British scientist Eric Laithwaite, Professor of Heavy Electrical Engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London University, demonstrated his very exciting experiments with linear motors, gyroscopes, "effortless lift-off", and the high-speed transport of the future.

Incidentally I learn privately that this many-sided scientist, this true "Renaissance man", even knows a lot about "our subject, UFOs", and he is not unacquainted with FSR. I call him "many-sided" because, amid all his activities, Professor Laithwaite has even found time to be the principal co-author of *"The Dictionary of Butterflies & Moths, In Colour* (1975, Michael Joseph, London, £12.50). It is one of the three or four very best books in the world on these beautiful creatures

— now as gravely threatened as we are — which have been my own beloved hobby of a lifetime and which I have been privileged to watch and study in my own travels on all Five Continents. As Laithwaite has said somewhere, "a world without butterflies and moths is not a world worth living in". And this is, alas, especially true today of Britain, where so many of our Lepidoptera are gravely endangered.

As for Mr Kidd and his remarkable invention, I am indebted to Dr. Bernard Finch for drawing my attention to the latest amazing news, in the *Sunday Express* (London) of September 27, 1987. This paper says that the Australians first sent over a man to interview Mr Kidd, and have now shipped him and his family out to Melbourne and already set him up there in a factory with a backing of millions of £s. And the paper quotes Professor Laithwaite as saying:—

"Mr Kidd's work . . . basically means that a ship can move through Space without shovelling a load of rubbish out of the back. His machine converts rotary motion into linear movement. It has a tremendous potential."

("Potential" indeed! For the report talks of *"Mars in 34 hours"* and *"London-Sydney in a matter of minutes"!)*
EDITOR

SETI and the "In Proximity" School of Thought

Dear Editor, — Ever since 1960, when the American radio-astronomer Frank Drake made his attempts to detect alien radio transmissions, I have been wondering to myself just how many years would have to elapse, with various ideas and applications being tried, tested, and exhausted, before a school of thought developed which perceived and argued that any alien species would be so ancient and so resourceful that their techniques of delivery and transmission, if made available to us, would, when compared with the status of our own science, appear — to use Arthur Clarke's term — as nothing short of *'magic'* to us, thus providing our 'establishment science' with an intellectual prospect upon which we Ufologists have been actively researching for years already!

Well, this now seems to have occurred. Hence, may I introduce FSR readers to the *'In Proximity' School of Thought.*

The letter which I reproduce below recently appeared in the British Interplanetary Society's journal SPACE FLIGHT, Volume 29 (May 1987):

SETI and the In Proximity School of Thought

Sir,

In *SETI and the Mind* (SPACE FLIGHT, February 1987, p.79) W.I. McLaughlin failed to point out why the radioastronomy school of thought regarding extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) has been assigned low plausibility by many, forcing the In-Proximity (IP) school of thought into prominence.

The former presumes that the technology of ETI will never advance much beyond what we foresee for ourselves in about two or three centuries — the time typically estimated as when we will be embarking on our first interstellar journey via world-ship. The ETI, no matter how many tens of thousands of years advanced over us, would never be able to undertake much exploration or colonisation. Hence, Earth remains undetected by them, it is argued, even though roughly a million independently evolved species of advanced ETI are typically estimated to exist within just our own Galaxy.

The IP school of thought, on the other hand, allows for continuing breakthroughs and advances in many branches of science, some of them new, and in technology, so that the capabilities of advanced ETI should appear indistinguishable from magic to us (A.C. Clarke's law). It allows for a continuing desire for increased knowledge, and hence in exploration of the Galaxy, within any one ETI species for hundreds of thousands of years. It allows for the likelihood that the applied level of ethics of most advanced ETI will be at least somewhat higher than our own. It then follows that Earth has not escaped present detection by ETI, nor escaped past visitations. Various hypotheses have then been put forward in the astronomical literature to explain why we have not been officially contacted by some of these ETI. These include the quarantine, embargo, nursery, laboratory, and wildlife-refuge hypotheses. They are overlapping and complementary, so several, not just one, may apply.

Thus, with the IP school of thought, no special pleading is needed which invokes quickly failing ET technology in the field of galactic transportation or mobility. No special pleading is needed which invokes a total lack of ETI concern for special treatment of rare emerging societies like ours. Although the IP school of thought predicts that SETI will not succeed, it predicts that interesting events will occur as the embargo is finally lifted.

With the IP school of thought, the epistemology of advanced ETI is seem to be far ahead of human epistemology.

James W. Deardorff,*
Oregon State University,
U.S.A.

It would perhaps be premature of us to assume that, at last, some indisputable common ground exists between Ufology and the scientific world, but certainly the 'In Proximity' School of Thought signals an important moment in human ETI philosophy, and if we are truly "coming of age" then we should follow carefully any future developments.

I am quite sure that FSR will do this admirably.

Very best wishes,
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Luton, Beds.
May 23, 1987.

*Professor James Deardorff, a most respected member of the Scientific Faculties of Oregon State University, is a long-time regular reader of FSR, and what he has to say is so full of good commonsense that it comes like a whiff of fresh air. — EDITOR.

From Our Former Danish Correspondent

Dear Editor, — This is to inform you that, as from this date, I am withdrawing from the editorial boards of UFO KONTAKT and UFO CONTACT NEWSLETTER.

The reason for this is solely my desire to dedicate myself 100% to my job as a University teacher and to more specific research projects.

Allow me to express my sincere thanks for your collaboration during past years.

In future all correspondence and publications on UFO research should go to:—

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Yours truly,
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LYSTRUP,
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September 6, 1987.

The Mystery Rings in the Fields

Dear Sir, — Now that the mystery grain rings season is upon us once again, let us hope that this time we will find some answers.

After all, they *are* on our doorstep, and it does seem to me that the "mechanics" behind these mystery rings are in fact challenging us to solve the enigma. It would be nice to feel that we are capable of solving this puzzle* — but somehow I don't think we will.

Finally, may I say how much I enjoy your refreshing style of editorship — you certainly don't pull any of your punches. Please keep up the excellent work. You're doing a fine job.

Yours sincerely,
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June 22, 1987.

*Surely reader Shelton realizes by now that this puzzle was solved long ago, since all the leading British investigators have proved beyond question that the rings are due to some peculiar form of wind that seems to spend all its time in Hampshire and Wiltshire. (There is, in fact, even a very recent report that this wind is a subtle emanation from the local cows.) EDITOR

An American Sighting of 1909

Dear Sir, — With reference to the article which appeared in FSR, Volume 32, No. 21, entitled *An Alarming Episode,* by Gordon Creighton, I would like to mention the following account which allegedly took place at Burlington, Vermont, in 1907:—

Four people claimed they saw, floating about 50 feet above a street, a torpedo-shaped body, six feet long and eight inches in diameter.

The object was dark in colour with a few bright spots which emitted flames; the whole thing being surrounded by a halo.

The appearance was preceded by a loud bang. The sighting itself, however, was noiseless.

Sunday Express readers will have noted, with pleasant surprise, Graham Lord's book review, in the July 12 issue. Particularly pleasing was the fact that the book *'Above Top Secret',* by Timothy Good, was given pride of place in the review column.

Of equal interest was the mention of FSR and its royal readership.

Yours faithfully,
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July 21, 1987.

"The Re-Discovery of the Wheel"

Dear G.C., — The UFO scene here has suddenly come alive again. The conventions have drawn huge crowds this year and interest is really high.

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